Married at the Salt Lake Temple on August 18 with President Raymond H. Clayton presiding were Natalie Neff, daughter of Mr and Mrs. David Brinton Neff of San Francisco, California, and Robert Nolan Pratt, son of Mr. Mrs. Robert E. Pratt of McGill, Nevada.

Immediately following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was given in honor of the newly-weds at the Hotel Utah.

Following a journey to Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and Yosemite, a reception was help at the San Francisco Stake House.

The bride had as her attendants Mrs. Lou Ann Minton, and Misses Marilyn Munk, Ina Martin, and Barbara Glover.

The groom's best man was Bailey Neff. Allen Anderson, Samuel Neff and Duncan Neff were ushers.

The couple are residing in Ely, Nevada.

Burgon's Bungled Business Becomes Bigger and Better

By H. W. Burgon

It is sometimes said, "That which a man thinketh; so he becomes." Judging from the many beautiful thoughts expressed for October's bungled games by the readers of "The Messenger," one soon concludes they are, unquestionably, among the best people on earth. How we wish all could be published. Three have been selected for our October game.

But first; here are September's sentences unbungled.

No. 1 — Contributed by Sister Engle: "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

No. 2 — by Sister Sanders: "Today's spiritual anemia may bring a sad awakening tomorrow."

No. 3 — by Sister Fisher, "The love of God for his children surpasses all understanding."

Congratulations to all who tried. Almost everyone sent the solutions of all three sentences, and everyone shall receive a copy of "In Memoriam," by John A. Widtsoe For this little gem thanks again to "Bookcraft," 1186 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, publishers of the best in Church books.

October prize has not yet been determined, but the real value is in the solutions and contributions. Our next sentences submitted by the readers will be selected on the same basis as before. We who try to share all the benefits of the games, gets the greatest joys in the reading of the many letters received.

So, here we go for more fun and joy for October.

No. 1 — sent by Sister Zina H. Baker, San Francisco, California.

YUTHPSTARLI NDA YOMTARIL REA TON DERIITHEN.

No. 2 by Sister R. B. Davies, San Bruno, California.

NITPASCRONARITO HTE EFHIT FO MITE NAD TOYITPUNORP.

No. 3 by Sister Estella Johnson, Oakland, California:

A ROHPTEP SI ENO OWH FOR ODG NERUD ETH RNTIOSINPIA FO VEHNEA.

Best of luck and happy sailing for all. Please note, especially, the change in address and send all solutions and contributions for October's game to:

H. W. Burgon, 2547 Andrade Ave., Richmond, California.

News About Books

Dr. Deter Neeley has surprised everyone again. Not content with her popular four-volume, "Child's Story of the Book of Mormon," she is coming out this fall with "A Child's Story of the Pearl of Great Price." $1.75.

Preston Nibley has also "done it again," putting into one volume 61 short, illustrated biographies of loved and often heard of but less prominent characters in the history of the Church. He calls his book, "Stalwarts of Mormonism." As these stories ran serially in the Church News, readers gave them top choice of all contributed material, it is said. $2.00.

Cleon Skousen's "First 2,000 Years" has been among the first ten Church books in sales reported by LDS bookdealers ever since its publication. Special interest classes are finding it first choice for this season's lessons in some wards. $3.25. Skousen has just been made head of public relations by Pres. Wilkinson of the Brigham Young University.

"Pioneer Stories" by Preston Nibley is another of his books which is enjoying increased demand from parents as good source material for 2½ minute talks by their children. Nibley's "Adventure Stories" has long been a favorite collection of true western adventure tales, selected from old LDS journals.

Le Grand Richards writes his books just as he preaches sermons with conviction and vehemence. Now he's out with a fall volume, addressed specifically to the Jewish people, but of interest to all members of the Church. Even the title is arresting: "Israel! Do You Know?" $2.00.

Marie Fox Felt, writer of many successful stories for children, in Church periodicals, now presents 35 popular Old Tsetament stories in a book with 32 full-color illustrations. $3.95.

Has the story of the LDS settlements in Mexico ever intrigued you? Even those whose families were not involved, may find interest in Nelle Spillsbury Hatch's intimate story, "Colonia Juarez." $3.50.

Good selling LDS books, now back in print, are Dr. Widtsoe's indispensable reference book, 'Priesthood and Church Government," $2.50; and "Sunday The True Sabbath of God" by Samuel W. Gamble. Valuable especially for missionaries in proving that Sunday is the real, true Sabbath. $2.00.

Local Businessmen Win Recognition

Phil Lewis and Dave Snyder, partners of East Bay Agency of Richmond, were designated today as "Kemper Approved Insurance Advisors," according to Phil Lewis. The East Bay Agency represents the casualty and motorists insurance divisions of Kemper Insurance.

Agents who are given the designation agree to observe eight standards of better insurance service in all their relationships with their clients.

Phil Lewis has supervised the Senior Aaronic softball tournament for Berkelty Stake this year, and is member of the Liahona club. active in Boy Scout work. He is a

Mary Lu Eddington Returns Home From India State Service

By Mildred Fontano

On Sept. 20 Mary Lu Eddington, of Oakland Third Ward, arrived in New York City in August from New Delhi, India, where she has been working the past two years in the American Consulate in Cashmere.

Mary Lu says customs and the caste system hinder progress in India with indescribale poverty everywhere. Because of the prestige her position gave her she attended state functions. "Just imagine me," she wrote, "an ordinary American, associating with royalty!" One party was at the ruling shiek's Moslem home with his harem (the wives were not permitted to attend). As a special treat to his guests he showed his fabulous jewels, pearls and rubies on a Persian carpet.

The first cobra she saw was frightening. Elephants, jackalls, and monkeys roamed the streets of some towns.

In driving cars if one hit a person it was considered a small offense but if one hit a cow he would be put in prison for life, for cows are sacred.

On her vacations she visited Cairo, Cashmere, and Jordan. Saw the cedars of Lebanon, the sphinx, the Nile river and the Pyramids, and went through the Taj Mahal.

The people of India are bitter against the Americans. No American was permitted to go out unless one of the house boys accompanied them.

There is much communism underground. This is the cause of all feelings against the Americans.

Rose Eddington left home Aug. 4 for Washington D.C. to visit two nieces, then to New York to meet her daughter, Mary Lu.

General Conference On Local TV, Radio Saturday, Sunday

The General Conference in Salt Lake City will be carried locally over both TV and regular radio, including FM, both Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3. Here's the scheduled:

SATURDAY, 9 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 3 p. m. on KRON FM, dial 96.5.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 6 p. m. direct wire to Stake Priestmeetings (exclusively m a l e priesthood) of the Tabtrnacle priesthood) of the Tabernacle being held in Salt Lake City. These stake priesthood meetings will be held in the following places: Berkeley Stake in the Berkeley chapel; Oakland Stake in the Oakland chapel; Pacific Grove; Palo Alton Stake in the Palo Alto and the San Mateo chapels; San Joe chapel; Santa Rosa Stake.

SUNDAY TV on K O V R, (channel 13) 9 to 11 a. m.

Sunday also on KRON-FM 9 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 3:30 p. m., dial 96.5.

WHEAT BEST FOR MAN DRAMATICALLY PROVEN AT ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Startling results of an experiment upon college athletes at the University of Illinois Physical Fitness Laboratory who were given wheat germ oil daily in conjunction with exercise are announced in a signed article in the New Gazette of Urbana, Illinois, the home of the University. Dr. T. K. Cureton is head of the laboratory.

"A teaspoonful of wheat germ oil," says the report, "taken daily in conjunction with exercise, has been shown to increase men's physical capacity and endurance by as much as 51.5 per cent."

The reports are based on experiments carried on at the University for more than four years on more than 200 men, including varsity wrestlers, swimmers, youths from a fraternity house, and also middle-aged men who were in poor physical shape at the beginning of the experiment.

Ten scientific consultants have recommended publication of the results in scientific journals. Wheat germ oil, it is explained, was tested in a continuing search for something that will give men extra drive and energy. Alcohol, benzedrine, caffeine, cocaine, digitalis, gelatine, fruit juices, and hormones have been tried in the past and discarded as ineffective, Dr. Cureton said.

"Eight middle-aged professors who combined wheat germ oil with physical training gained 51.5 per cent in the time they could run on the (laboratory) treadmill before they were exhausted. This gain came at the end of 12 weeks of other types of exercise during which they did not go near the treadmill.

"At the same time, a matched group of men—matched in age and initial run time on the treadmill—gained only 19.4 per cent after receiving the same physical training for 12 weeks but without the wheat germ oil."

Equally convincing evidence, according to Dr. Cureton, was obtained in tests with athletes already at the peak of training—such as varsity wrestlers and swimmers. Instead of going into the usual slump after continuing training beyond the usual "plateau" (reached after about 12 weeks of hard training), their performance jumped up to new peaks. At the same time a 'control group' which did not receive the wheat germ oil continued their slump.

"Never before in any experiment," says Dr. Cureton, "have I seen this happen!" He adds, however that few if any similar results can be obtained unless the wheat germ oil is combined with physical training, but the results are far greater than with physical training alone.

Latter-day Saints will see how wonderfully these scientific experiments fulfill the promises given by the Lord to those who follow the dietary, which includes wheat for man in the Word of Wisdom. The promise is "they shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint." D. & C., 89:20.

The lesson is clear also that white bread, which lacks the wheat germ, does not contain the needed wheat germ oil that enables one "to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint"—that is, have extra physical endurance.

Whole cracked wheat cereal and whole wheat bread made at home from fresh ground wheat kernels seem to be things in harmony with the Lord's counsels to the Saints. The various stake welfare centers are beginning to install flour mills and to produce stone-ground whole wheat flour and cracked wheat. The Berkeley high priests quorum packages and sells these products every Saturday at Welfare Center on San Pablo Avenue. San Mateo Ward does similarly.

Alameda Co. Camp Daughters of Utah Pioneers begin Meets

The Alameda County Board members of the DUP met at the home of President Lila Graham Aug. 20 to plan the winter's work. Arrangements were made for the local DUP choral group to sing at the DUP fall convention in Salt Lake City. LaVon Johnson is chorister. Jessie Lund, Hazel Allen, Melva Rainey, LaVon Johnson, Pearl Meinie, Lila Graham, Nita Van Noy, Ruby Ostler, and others are in the chorus.

There are eight groups in Alameda County. It is hoped that several new units will be organized this year. One of the most outstanding opening socials was in the Hayward-Castro Valley area. Over thirty-five daughters enjoyed a social hour and luncheon in the patio and garden of daughter Lydia Millet.

Daughter Mildred Fontano of our county board entered the pioneer story contest sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers. She was awarded third prize in the Salt Lake division, and was presented with a beautifully inscribed loving cup.

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Ukiah Ward

New Y. L. Presidency And YMMIA Officers Selected, Sustained

By Ruth LeRoy

The Ukiah Ward MIA was reorganized last Fast Sunday, releasing Opal Kruger as president of the YWMIA and sustaining Eunice Southwick in that office with Joyce Banker and Shirley Adams as counselors. Florence Carter was sustaintd as secretary-treasurer and Fay Call as organist.

In the YMMIA, Cecil Wormell was sustained as stecretary, Carl Middleton as choirister and Gerold Mason as organist. MIA time has been set forward to 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

Last Sunday the Ukiah Ward genealogical committee presented a most interesting program based on the work and accomplishments of Pres. Wilford Woodruff, a great genealogy worker.

In the Ukiah Ward, genealogical workers have made a complete record of the names on all tombstones in both the Potter Valley and the old Redwood Valley cemeteries and about one eighth of the Ukiah cemetery, a total of 1700 names in all to date.

At the Primary conference in the Ukiah Ward the accent was on the accomplishments of the "Home Builders." Special awards were presented to Sister Lucy Foutz and Sister Arlene Williams for their devotion and years of service in the organization.

Brother C. A. Call, Ward Sunday School superintendent, announced that, until further notice, there would be a stake supervised system of teacher-training wherein a specially qualified person would be selected to give instructions at the regular ward Faculty meetings until such time as the stake superintendency is able to send out a board member for this purpose. Eva Starbard conducted the August class and Ida Middleton the September class. These meetings are held in the chapel on the second Monday of the month at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 12, the Ukiah Ward Sunday School enjoyed the company of George Brewerton, stake missionary president, and Read Keller of the stake high council, at Sunday School.

The ward membership were happy to sustain the bishop in his office, Virgil Wolf as his second counselor, and Ivan Christianson as first counselor.

Bishop Lee Southwick reports concerning the Ukiah Ward farm that the priesthood quorums have harvested 15 tons of hay this summer, that 16 head of beef cattle are now on pasture on the farm, and the pasturage has been rented for sheep. The cattle will be slaughtered for beef this fall and the farm restocked in the spring.

The evening of Sunday, Sept. 19, we were favored with visitors from the stake high council, and Bishop Newman represented the stake in a very inspirational talk.

On Monday, Sept. 20, the Ukiah Ward Relief Society held an all day work meeting in final preparation for the bazaar to be held on Oct. 15, when a ham dinner will be served and special entertainment provided.

Fort Bragg Branch

Bro. Merrill Reports Los Angeles Trip

By Fern Mosier

Aug. 29 Brother Merrill Stake Era representative, gave a report of his trip to Los Angeles and the MIA Conference he attended there.

Brother Cal Berry was ordained to the office of a deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood by George Mosier, Aug 29. William Thomas Washburn was ordained to the office of a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood by George Mosier, Sept. 5. William Thomas Washburn was ordained to the office of a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood by President Ray Fransen, Sept. 12. "Tommy" to his friends, is leaving this afternoon, for the service.

Sept. 5—The members of the Fort Bragg Branch miss the Cox family since their return home.

Today's visitors were Brother and Sister Raymond Pederson of Vallejo and their son-in-law and daughter, Brother and Sister Morgan Busch, from Benicia; and Brother and Sister James Alley of Paradise.

September 12. Sister Ilene Wonacott and husband Howard Wonacott spent a relaxing weekend at their Ridgewood Ranch.

President Ray Fransen and George Mosier made their monthly visit to Point Arena, where a Sunday School has been organized, dependent upon Fort Bragg branch.

Here's What B.Y.U Students Saw Registration Week

Our many Bay area young men and women who left in late September for the fall term at the Brigham Young University saw approximately 59 new faculty members returning to campus.

They saw regular classes started September 27. and that all students who attend the University are required to live in university-approved housing.

They saw the office of Student Housing bubbling with activity as students pour in daily to find homes both on campus and university-approved community housing.

They also saw another very busy office, Student Employment. Many students came on campus early in order to arrange for jobs for the school year. Hundreds of deserving students are enabled to remain in college by placing them in jobs either on campus or in surrounding communities.

They beheld the new million-dollar David O. McKay classroom building set to be completed for winter quarter occupation—three stories in height.

Ground was seen broken for two other buildings — the Botanical Laboratory and the Health Center. The total cost of the two projects, including furnishings and landscaping, will run near $400,000.

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Reputation Sect'y Benson High, Says Washington Writer

"The reputation of Ezra Taft Benson is high—and has gone up instead of down since he came to Washington 13 months ago" wrote the Washington newspaper columnist, Roscoe Drummond, in his July 19 dispatch as printed in the Berkeley Gazette.

"He has demonstrated courage, candor and consistency. This is why he has the regard and respect of his opponents as well as his friends," continues the press writer.

The reason the flexible farm price support bill was finally enacted by the congress is assigned by Mr. Drummond to the fact that "Mr. Benson (suffused) the Republican Senate leadership with some of his own spirit and spunk."

Mr. Drummond comments upon Mr. Benson in these opening paragraphs:

"When talk turns to personalities in Washington—as it occasionally does—there is one member of the cabinet who invariably gets high praise—often the highest.

"This isn't because he is personally suave, or politically clever or an all-things-to-all-people manipulator.

"Quite the opposite. He is direct, straight-forward, persistent, almost too politically innocent, and says the same thing to all the people."

Son Reed, New Benson Aid

Reed Benson, 26, is working for the Republican National Committee and is generally busy making arrangements for his father on the Secretary's heavy out-of-town speaking itinerary. Reed recently ended two years of duty as an Air Force chaplain.

Santa Rosa Stake

Primary Fundalay Draws Many Parents, Children

By Irene C. Hartup

More than 225 parents, teachers and children enjoyed a Stake Fundalay at the Santa Rosa Chapel.

With dance demonstrations from each ward and all participating in ballroom dancing directed by Marie Swanson of Petaluma.

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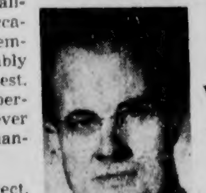
He secured this data from t autopsy reports of the Los Angel County Hospital, where he found steady increase in cirrhosis—har ening—of the liver since the r peal of prohibition. The frequen rose from one per cent to mo than six per cent.

But even more marked was t rise in frequency of cancer of t liver. The cancer rate increa since prohibition repeal, Dr. E mundson said, was "ten fold."

Reflections



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Once again these words ring o and members from far and ne will make the pilgrimage to S Lake City to hear and see o great leaders. Famous temp square will be a mass of hap and excited people as they me old friends, some after ma years. There will be old memor stirred up and hearts will be young again. Missionaries will live many unforgetable experien es of the past and converts fr the old countries will rememb home.

The message is the same y ever new and strength is giv to carry on. New hope is bo fresh courage taken, our God w never us forsake. And after th memorable days once again th will make their journey homewa with the same assurance as yore, "ALL IS WELL, ALL WELL."

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Bishop Wallace Allred Officiates At Hundreds of Weddings, More Than Thousand Funerals

. . . Counselor Wallace N. Allred

Before a capacity audience of ward members, Wallace N. Allred was released as bishop of Mission Ward. Sunday evening, October 17th. He has been called to serve as counselor in the San Francisco Stake presidency after serving since December 2, 1934 almost twenty years as bishop. On August 30, 1930, he was sustained as counselor in the Mission ward bishopric, and thus began a twenty-four year period of activity which included service under all of the presidencies of San Francisco Stake.

During these eventful years he has officated at 1175 funerals and over 800 marriages. He has had eleven counselors, two of whom have served over ten years. He had directed the remodeling of one ward building, and the erection of the beautiful new Mission ward chapel on 26th Street in San Francisco. The construction is almost complete on the new Junior Sunday

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Oakland 4th to Hold Gigantic Carnival, Varied Rich Bazaar

The Fourth Ward Carnival-Bazaar opens its gates Sat., Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. to all members of the stake, ward and community.

At high noon a gigantic parade featuring Oakland's own Effie Elephant, horses, bands, floats, bicycle entries, cars and the buffoonery of clowns, will march through crowds from Seminary district east to Havenscourt, down Bond to Fairfax, up Fairfax to Foothill and east on Foothill to Mason and to the Carnival, who will watch the parade.

Booths, Games, Food

The old Masonic Hall, the Club House next door and the vacant lot between them will contain the many booths, games, and events of the day. The Relief Society's yearly Handwork and cooked food sales will go on. No one will be hungry, as hamburgers, chili, hot dogs, ice cream and other foods will be sold here.

Glass blowing will be demonstrated and the product sold. A general store will feature the usual and the unusual in old and new merchandise.

Movies will run throughout the day and evening with ballroom dancing to finish the carnival.

Queen Innovation

An innovation to ward bazaars will be the center of attraction. A lovely beauty queen will be chosen from the girls sponsored by each quorum and auxiliary of the ward.

urged to attend.

All members of the stake are

Ground Is Broken For New LDS Chapel

In breaking ground for the new chapel for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), officials of the Santa Rosa Stake and Fairfield Ward, along with the mayors of Fairfield and Suisan, break ground where the building will be located at the intersection of Monroe street and Travis boulevard. Reading left to right: Stewart Mitchell, bishop of Fairfield Ward; John Murdock, Napa, president of the Santa Rosa Stake of which the local ward is a part; Mayor Harry E. Gamble of Suisan and Chris Santella, mayor of Fairfield. The shovel held by Murdock will be placed in the archives of the chapel as a memento of the event. The ceremony was held last Saturday afternoon and was attended by a number of out-of-town members of the church. —Solano Co. Courier

Fairfield Ward Breaks Ground For Spacious $125,000 Chapel

Fairfield Ward, twenty miles east of Vallejo, in Santa Rosa Stake, broke ground September 25 for the erection of a new $125,000 chapel and recreational hall. The building will be erected at the intersection of Monroe St. and Texas Boulevard in Fairfield, within sight of the main highway No. 40 to Sacramento. Ten years of planning and activity are thus happily consummated.

The tract on which the edifice will be erected was acquired several years ago and rapidly increased in value until the margin of profit in the sale recently consummated made a good return on the investment.

The first major fund-raising project of the members here was construction of a new house on Utah street. The lot was acquired and most of the work was contributed by Latter-day Saints. Sale of the residence provided a profit which was used, in conjunction with Salt Lake financing, to buy the Umphress tract on which the chapel is being built.

The rest of the 22-acre tract, with one exception, was sold to the city of Fairfield for public school purposes.

O. I. Oliver, perhaps more than any other member, foresaw the possibilities in both building the Utah street residence and purchase of the Umphress tract. He instituted the proceedings that eventually resolved into the present situation.

Oliver had as counselors in the presidency Alden Blaisdell and Grant Bleazard.

Blaisdell became president of the branch following Oliver, and with Blaisdell's release, Stewart Mitchell was sustained for the branch head. The branch was later made a ward and Mitchell a bishop.

The grand daddy of the Latter-day Saints Church in this area is A. B. Snowball, now of Riverside. He provided the initial leadership and was the bulwark of all organizational plans for the small group of Latter-day Saints in this area. First families were the Snowballs, the Olivers, Thompsons, now in the southland, the Blaisdells and the Allens.

L. D. S. Institute Sets Fall Program

The University of California threw open its great halls of learning September 18th. Better than fourteen thousand students returned to the Berkeley campus and the president announced the administration was planning for a student body of 60,000 by 1970. Of this present group of 14,000, more than one per cent belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are a studious, energetic group, and 100 of them enrolled at Sunday School and classes at the L.D.S. Institute of Religion on LeConte Street, Berkeley, California.

The Alpha Chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma is officered by: President Cliff Wallace from San Diego; Vice President Keith Madsen from Walnut Creek; Secretary Gene Engel from Richmond. The Omega Chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma has as its president, Jean Sabine of Berkeley; vice president, Marilyn Hales from Provo, Utah; secretary, Joyce Thomas from Sacramento, Calif.; and treasurer, Rose Marie Dunham from Berkeley.

Rod and Gun Club

October 8 the group will have a social evening at the Richmond Rod and Gun Club. October 30 they will entertain for the U.C.L.A. students from Los Angeles. The Stanford Deseret Club will be guests of the Berkeley group November 20.

For the first time in the history of the local Institute the Mutual Improvement Association is functioning on the campus. The Y.M. M.I.A. is under the direction of Winifred Wilkinson, Melza Biery and Carolyn Wiley.

Dean Madsen is the president of the Sunday evening service group, assisted by Fred Stone of Stockton, Calif.; and Norvel Jesperson of Phoenix, Arizona.

George Hilton of Oakland is superintendent of the Sunday school; Merrill Probst of Malad, Idaho and A. Bonner Ritchie of San Francisco assistants.

Pete Kenner, son of Director and Mrs. Lee Kenner, left October 6th to serve in the New England mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Lee Gill, a Phi Beta Kappa at the University of California, has been commissioned in the Navy and will serve Uncle Sam in this capacity for three years.

Institute of Religion

During the summer vacation several members of the University group were united in marriage:

June 5th, 1954—Robert Garrick and Colleen Bagley.

June 21st, 1954—Edward Moore and Pat Russell.

July 3rd, 1954—George McGimsey married Pauline Waters of Baltimore, Maryland.

July 9th, 1954—Gene Bramhall and Dorothy Harker were married and moved to New Jersey, where Gene will serve two years as a commissioned officer for Uncle Sam's armed forces.

Our vice president, Natlie Neff, was married August 18th to Robert N. Pratt in the Salt Lake Temple.

September 2nd, 1954—Dick Bliss and Shirley Evans were married in the Salt Lake Temple.

September 7th, 1954—Donna McKnight and Norman Waters were married in the Manti Temple.

Lieutenant Julian Sanders is stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and reports he is also helping the saints build a chapel, and acts as activity counselor for the MIA and teacher of the elders quorum.

Harold Simons Engaged

The report has reached us that one of our group, Harold Simons, is engaged to Deloise Anderson of Washington, D.C. Harold is also in the service of the armed forces. Harold is the brother of our Mary Simons.

Lyle Trammel, one of our last year converts to the Church, is serving in the army in Texas.

Ed Moore and Pat Russel have now moved to Burlingame. Ed has resigned his teaching position at the University of California and accepted permanent employment as a research worker for Pan American Air Ways. Ed joined the L.D.S. Church last spring.

Morris Cline, our president, is now serving as a Marine in the Eastern States.

The following students attended the October Conference in Salt Lake City: Marvin Follett, Cliff Wallace, Ray Brown, Hans A. Pohlsander and Larry Nemelka.

The following are the Lambda Delta Sigma pledges for the fall semester of 1954: Mildred Anderson, Rhea Barton, Don Biery, Betty Borg, Jo Anne Briggs, Ray Brown, Charles Bursell, Grover Compton, Dollette Cooper, Janet Ellsworth, Tom Greene, Marilynn Horsley, Marlene Jensen, Sharon Jensen, Rvonne Johnson, Diana Madsen, Ray Marshall, Leon Mayhew, Jerry McCorkle, Larry Nemelka, Val Peterson, Jeannie Reiche, Lester Ruf, Noel Stevenson, Gary Thompson, Dolores Wilkins, Carol Wright, Dean H. Zobell, Genjamin Elliott Lafler Jr.

ELDER BENSON URGES INTELLIGENCE IN VOTING

. . . Sec'ty Ezra Taft Benson

Counsel to the Latter-day Saints regarding important principles to guide one during any political campaign and at times for casting one's ballot was voiced at the last October conference of the Church.

We reproduced a summary of one conference address just as it appeared in the daily Deseret News, October 4, 1954.—Editor's Note.

A powerful appeal for Latter-day Saints to use their influence to see that honest, wise and good men be elected to public office was voiced by Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve during the Sunday afternoon session, October 3.

Elder Benson, who is serving as secretary of agriculture in President Eisenhower's cabinet, declared that Americans have a rich heritage but warned that nations often sow the seeds of their own destruction, even before they reach the zenith of their power.

He said that history shows that most great civilizations have not been destroyed until they have been weakened from within.

Elder Benson said he is disturbed by the willingness of some Americans to trade their freedom for security.

'Decadent Morality'

"I would like to emphasize that as nations enjoy greater and greater material blessing there seems to be more interest in preserving comforts than in preserving and safeguarding the principles that have made them great. They seem to become infected with the germs of decadent morality."

What, then, he asked, is the duty of the Elders of Israel?

He said the revelations of God show clearly that our Heavenly

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Ferguson vs Professor Discussions Re-Set For November 8-14

The October series of discussions planned between James B. Bales, theology professor of the Church of Christ, and Attorney Thomas Stuart Ferguson, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was unavoidably postponed because of the illness of Elder Ferguson.

The new dates now announced begin Monday, November 8 at 8 p. m. and run nightly through Saturday, ending with a 2 p. m. discussion Sunday, November 14.

These meetings are scheduled for the auditorium of the Church of Christ at 2808-35th Avenue, Oakland (35th Ave. and Allendale). Although the hour of the meetings if 8 p. m., all interested are advised to be present as early as 7:15 on account of the limitation of seats in the hall. However, Joe Gilmore, local preacher, states that one-half of the auditorium (the right half) has been reserved for the Latter-day Saints, if they wish to use them.

The first four evenings will consider: "Is the Book of Mormon an authentic history of ancient Mexico and Central America brought forth by the power of God."

Other subjects for the pro and con discussions will be: "The doctrine of baptism for the dead as practiced by the Mormons, was also practiced by the early Christians, and is in harmony with the Bible." and "The Kingdom of God was not upon the earth in its fullness from the fourth century A. D. until 1830 A. D."

Scott Barrett of Claremont Ward and law partner with Attorney Ferguson will act as moderator, it is announced, for the meetings, and also as assistant to Elder Ferguson. No audience demonstrations will be permitted, but purchase of the Book fo Mormon, by the audience will be invited, although not sold on the premises.

Professor Bales comes from the Harding Christian College, Searcy, Arkansas, and is widely known in the East Bay because of a former series of debates he engaged in Oakland a few years ago with a LDS elder who came from Ogden, Utah, for the series.

Mimeographed copies of the debates will be available if enough order are received before the debates close. Costs of tape, labor, typing, paper, mailing will run price up to $1.50 at least, it is felt. Prepaid orders will be received in the lobby at the close of each lecture.

SECT'Y EZRA T. BENSON SENDS PERSONAL WORD OF GREETING TO FRIENDS IN BAY AREA

Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, and his executive assistant, Lorenzo "Ren" N. Hoopes of Oakland Stake, sent letters to Messenger readers at the invitation of the editor.

Since these two brethren are now on the national scene and are widely known to the readers of the Messenger, we gladly reproduce the two letters which will explain themselves.

Dear Brother Ball:

The Secretary appreciates your invitation to extend a word of greeting to the good people of the Bay area. Enclosed is a brief message which we hope will be useful for the purpose you have in mind.

Having been an enthusiastic reader of the Messenger for many years, I commend you for the effective work you are doing. The Secretary joins me in wishing for our publication and for all its readers a continuation of joy and success.

Sincerely Yours
L. N. HOOPES
Executive Assistant to the Sect'y.

Dear Brother Ball:

This invitation to extend greetings to my many friends in the Bay area is deeply appreciated. I am grateful for the many kindnesses and courtesies which you have shown me over the years.

At this particular time I am reminded that one of the sacred obligations the Lord has placed upon us as a people is that of exercising our franchise as free American citizens. We have been admonished to seek wise and good men and women for positions of government. They should be men and women who place their devotion to the ideals of American life above party, politics, or personal intersts Only by having such people in the responsible positions of government may we expect to have a continuation and strengthenig of the freedom ad liberty which we presently enjoy and which we, with the help of God, may yet share with peoples and all nations for their everlasting benefit and blessing.

I commend you for the effective work you are doing; may the Lord continue to bless you.

Sincerely your brother,
EZRA TAFT BENSON

Story By Sect'y Benson Told at Farm Meet

Here is a man with true persistence — rather like that of the Frenchman who went into an American restaurant knowing what he wanted but unable to call it by name. He asked the waitress: "Mademoiselle, what is the name of the bird, the cock-a-doodle-doo?"

"The rooster?"

"Oui, ze rooster. And how is it that you call the madam of the rooster?"

"The hen."

"Oui, ze hen. And who is the child of the madam of the rooster?"

"The chick."

"Oui, ze chick. And what is ze chick before he is ze chick?"

"The egg."

Bishop Woolley's Personal Impressions General Conference

At the request of the Messenger Allan C. Woolley, bishop of Napa Ward, has expressed his thoughts of the last General Conference:

The beginning of this month was a glorious one because the General Conference of the Church held the first three days.

The prime purpose of the Conference is and always has been for the Saints of God to assemble together from all parts of the land to receive instruction and, by so doing, charge their spiritual batteries with vigor and enthusiasm. With this new power they return to their respective homes and, in turn, try to charge the batteries of all those that were unable to sit at the feet of the divine prophets of God, and hear the message from the mouthpiece of our Heavenly Father.

President McKay, in his opening address, was very expressive with praise and commendation for the faithfulness of the saints, and yet he emphasized the importance of improving ourselves and living even better than we have heretofore. Our accomplishments have been great—the Latter-day Saints have won much acclaim from the world—but that isn't our goal.

We should strive every day to improve and set better examples before our fellowmen, impressing upon them the value of a clean life filled with righteous deeds. We should live as we pray.

A story was told as an example: In the family prayers of one very good family, whose head was rich in worldly things, the constant prayer was for the poor to be taken care of. One day one of the children said, "Father, I wish I had all your grain and possessions." The father asked, "What would you do with them?" The child answered, "I would answer your prayers."

I am grateful for the opportunity I had of attending the recent conference. May we who sat at the feet of the prophets of God in person, and those who did so by modern means of radio and television, live as we have been instructed, leading, as it were, the children of our Heavenly Father into green pastures of righteousness, love, patience, hope, and all the other holy attributes of our Father in Heaven.

—Bishop Allan C. Woolley, Napa

Personal Impressions Relief Society Meet In Salt Lake City

By Irene T. Ranker
Berkeley Stake Pres. Relief Society

I came away from the 1954 General Relief Society Conference September 29-30 with a stronger testimony of the truthfulness of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with a renewed thankfulness that I have been privileged to be a member, and have the opportunity to serve.

President Spafford in her address said, "Relief Society is preeminent among women's organizations because it is God's organization for his daughters here upon earth. It was founded under the inspiration of the Lord bestowed upon the Prophet Joseph Smith; it was organized under the priesthood and after the pattern of the priesthood. Relief Society women are women embarked in the service of God, and it follows that they are embarked in the service of their fellowmen."

Elder Mark E. Peterson urged the Relief Society members to assist the missionaries. First by example. If we would be zealous in fulfilling the commandment to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors, we must first impress them with the value of the gospel in our own lives as reflected by our good works. Then by friendliness. Invite investigators to socials, class, and lesson work. Give wives of senior Aaronic priesthood members a feeling of belonging. In all this work, do not neglect to give the gospel to your own families; there are no more precious souls to save.

Henry D. Moyle

Elder Henry D. Moyle asked us to assist in the Welfare Plan to help the individual and the family to be self-sustaining where possible, thus giving more permanent, beneficial assistance.

President Stephen L. Richards gave us thoughts of lasting inspiration. " . . . Parents should constantly inspire their children with two lofty objectives: a mission and a temple marriage. If they succeed in these aims, every principle of the gospel will be incorporated in their lives."

Speaking of the evils of divorce, he said, "It is cruel, unspeakably cruel to children and to many innocent people.

" . . . I do not believe that the remedy for irritation and quarreling in the home is divorce. I be-

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Local Brethren Associated With Huge Community Hospital in Hayward - Castro Valley Area

The new seven-story Eden Township Hospital now nearing completion on an eminent site overlooking the wide Castro Valley in east Alameda County is a notable example of a large community banding its civic interest together for non-profit service to its citizenship.

The Messenger's editor was recently conducted on an inspection tour of this most modern hospital in Northern California. Serving on the five-man Board of Directors which has directed the planning, financing and construction details of this immense and unique civic undertaking are two widely-known members of the Oakland Stake of Zion, Dr. Milton P. Ream of the stake presidency and former bishop A. Gifford Jackson of San Leandro Ward.

The Eden Hospital was initiated in 1951, because of the pressing need for more hospital facilities in the area.

Board Election Coming

Democratically subject to the will of the electorate, directors Ream and Jackson, along with Julius Levine will be voted upon at the coming election. Strong sentiment favorable to the incumbent board members prevails because of the need for trusted and experienced guidance in the completion and initial operation of this vital community health service.

A committee headed by Dr. W. A. Jones and Wilford "Bill" W. Nelson are actively supporting the re-election of the incumbent members of the hospital's board of directors.

Towering commandingly on a gently rising elevated acreage in Castro Valley, the 254-bed structure attracts the eye of all driving along Castro Valley Boulevard leading eastward on Highway 40 to Stockton and Tracy.

Cost of $5,500,000

Erected at a total cost of approximately $5,500,000, the financing has been made possible by federal, state and local governments. The annual payroll initially will be over $730,000. The personnel will total nearly 285 and rise to over 500 eventually.

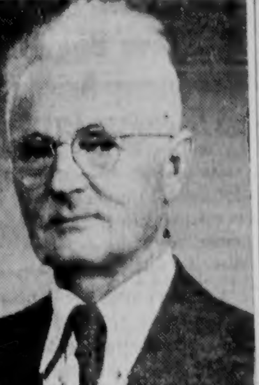
Purchases will exceed $160,000 a year.

Unique features in each room for patients will be lavatory, telephone and piped oxygen.

There will be five operating rooms, one minor operating room, one cystoscopic room and one recovery room; an autopsy room, a solarium, cafeteria and laundry, medical library, doctors' lounge, shock room, emergency treatment room, laboratories, x-ray rooms, and nursery.

About the Eden Hospital will spring up a large medical center with large medical building.

Archie J. Inger Local LDS Artist Dies in Hayward



Archie Johnson Inger, artist

Oakland Stake's much-loved Archie Johnson Inger, 71, former stake high counselor, author and famed painter in oils, was laid to rest in Lone Tree Cemetery, Hayward, Wednesday, October 6, 1954. His book, "Rejected Crown," is a much loved story of the life of Christ. His paintings grace several chapels.

Funeral services, held in the Hayward LDS chapel at 2 p.m., October 6, were largely attended. Death came at 7 a.m., October 4, of a heart condition at his Hayward home on A Street.

Presiding at the funeral services was former Hayward Bishop Wilford T. Webb. The speaker was Mrs. Ruth Savage Hilton. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Mary Boles and Blaine Wilson.

Born in Idaho June 17, 1883, Elder Inger came to California with his mother and her family. Raised as a Latter-day Saint family, they became inactive following the move, as so often happens. Thru the invitation of friends in

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Stake Conferences Last Quarter 1954

Santa Rosa	Nov. 6 - 7
Berkeley	Nov. 13 - 14
Oakland	Nov. 20 - 21
Palo Alto	Nov. 27 - 28

LDS Institute, Berkeley, Near U. C. Campus

No. Calif. Seminary Enrollment In 1953, 125; Now Exceeds 500; Supervisor Kenner Reports Growth

The contageous growth of LDS seminary classes among the boys and girls of Northern California is apparent in the first report to come from the office of R. Lee Kenner, supervisor of Seminaries and director of the LDS institute at the University of California in Berkeley.

Preliminary figures of enrollment available as the Messenger goes to press show a total of 19 seminaries now meeting with an overall enrollment of approximately 550 happy high school boys and girls in seven Northern California Stakes.

These seven o'clock seminary scholars are over-crowding facilities in some wards. The work is spreading so fast that the Church Board of Education has assured Supervisor Kenner of an assistant supervisor to help direct the additional seminaries that will spring up next year according to plans already forming in the region.

In addition to the Bay area wards, reports from Gridley Ward shows 37 regular attendance, while Sacramento Stake sends word of four Seminary classes already in full swing with enrollments of 32, 35, 50 and 50 plus, respectively.

Alameda boys and girls show up each morning with smiling faces and jolly jests to the number of 22, and the same number are found in the Oakland Fourth's live-wire group five days a week.

In Dimond's (Oak. 3rd) chapel 19 lads and lassies are reporting

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OAKLAND STAKE

Oakland Stake Meeting Calendar

Nov. 14, Sunday	Stake Priesthood Meeting High Priests, 247th & 380th Seventies 1:30 p. m.	San Leandro Ward
Nov. 14, Sunday	General Priesthood Leadership Meeting (Stake Welfare included)	2:15 p. m.
Nov. 18, Thursday	MIA Stake Leadership	Oakland 2nd Ward
Nov. 20 - 21	Stake Quarterly Conference. Stake Choir Rehearsals: San Leandro Ward 7:30 p. m. November 4, 8 and 15th	

Oakland Stake Social Calendar

November 5, Friday	Primary Officers' Party (Stake)
November 18, Thursday	MIA Stake Leadership - Oak. 2nd Ward
November 24, Wednesday	Harvest Ball - Scottish Rite Aud.
November 30, Tuesday	Sacred to Me - Jr. Gleaners and Mothers.
December 4, Saturday	Stake Family Night

Parade, Games, Store Mark "County" Fair For Oakland Fourth

"A real old-time general store and fun-time 'county' fair" will be offered Saturday, November 6 at Foothill and Mason to raise welfare funds, according to Oakland Fourth Ward Bishop Curtis R. Bybee.

A noon parade will open the County Fair with band music and floats, according to Wendell C. Martin, general chairman. Travel route for the parade: Formation on Picardy, down Seminary to Foothill, along Foothill to Havenscourt, over to Bond and along Bond to Fairfax, then to Foothill and to Mason.

Besides the general store offering all kinds of merchandise, there will be a home economics booth and food booths will offer hot dogs, hamburgers, soda pop, popcorn and candy.

At 1 p.m. until dark, carnival games will include: "Dunk the Monk," darts, throw-games, and a "funny-hats" booth. All ward organizations are working together to help the County Fair.

Alameda Ward

"Beauty" Committee Asks Contributions

By Amelia Everett

New drapes on our windows will beautify our chapel. Let us find Newell Christensen with our donations soon, that these drapes may be up before Ward conference, Nov. 28.

The front door of our chapel has been refinished, the painting by Ralph Lane; the sanding by James Simpson.

Thanks to our beautification committee for beautiful arrangements of flowers in our chapel and foyer.

November Ordinances:

Babies blessed: Pamela Gean Huse and Gary Edward Divine.

Confirmed members: Ernest Quinton Tedders, Renny Suzanne McBride, Arthur John Leslie 3rd, John B. Nimetz, Albertina Amelia Nimetz, Lawrence Levi Severson.

Released: Harold Pastors as counselor in Sunday school, and Gayle Morgan sustained. Dan Harrison released and Wayne Lamborne sustained as manual counselor in Mutual. Mildred Pastore released and Marjorie Sutton sustained as counselor in Mutual.

A Primary party was held Sept. 30 for all Homebuilder girls. A total of 85 attended, 27 girls, their families, friends and teachers. They honored the new larks now coming into Homebuilding.

Six new Cubs were initiated Oct. 8: Clark Beckstead, Nicky Pappas, Clyde Esch, Bobby Westbrook, Garret Dunton, Lawrence Severson.

Cubs of Pack 16 attended the Washington State vs. California foot ball game Sat., Oct. 16.

The Dimond Literary Club met at the home of Rhea Gustaveson on Thursday, Oct. 6. Mrs. Virginia McNee of Alameda read the cut-biography of Ben Hecht's "Child of The Century." Officers for the coming year include Rhea Gustaveson, Gertrude Lesser, Joyce Hilton and Lottie Smith. The Nov. meeting will be held at the home of Mary Bybee, with Margaret Wright as co-hostess.

Charles R. Stamps Jr. is stationed in the Coast Guard and will be in Alameda for a while.

Honoring Douglas Bush, who leaves Oct 18 for a mission to the New England States, the Alameda Fireside group gave a surprise birthday party Oct. 14. Douglas and Carolyn, whose engagement was recently announced, attended the farewell party for Douglas in Los Angeles.

Lloyd Gheen, president Alameda missionary group, is sailing away with the Navy Nov. 3rd.

Welcome to Wells and Lena Bradley, who are moving back to our ward after a long absence.

Oakland Fourth

The Larsen Family To Leave Bay Area For Sunny Arizona

By Gerry Larsen

The Larsen family are pulling up roots and will make their home in Arizona. Earle has gone on ahead to establish residence and open his public accounting office. How everyone will miss them!

A dinner was served to the members of the High Priest quorum by the genealogical and Sunday school groups in the Alameda chapel recently.

The stake Golden Gleaners met twice recently, at the Robert Troubs and at the Larsens.

A new series of Special Interest Firesides began this month at the Wendell Martin home. Bro. Brooks Dudley demonstrated the Braille system.

The Stephens family and the Earls journeyed to Salt Lake to attend General Conference and to visit relatives.

Service men welcomed home this month are Marvin Sanders, Gill Larsen and Glen Shaw. Glen was home on furlough and will be released shortly.

Bro. Elias Castle has been appointed new teacher trainer in the ward.

The MIA calendar includes a Halloween party, activity at the Carnival-Bazaar, Ward Conference, Jr. Gleaner Comradery, a 3-act play, and the Christmas festivities.

New members of the MIA family include Janice Dent, Gill Larsen, Lloyd Webb and a full teaching staff.

We are sorry to lose David Graham, who has been transferred to McChord Air Force Base in Washington.

Centerville Ward

Sacrament Meetings Show October Gain

By Bessie Purdy

At our Sacrament meeting on Oct. 3, Jean and Don Kelly were the speakers. Sandra Lewis, a non-member, told us what Mutual meant to her. Myrtle Jibson and Ardis Cazier sang a duet.

On Oct. 10, Bishop and Rose Winkel reported General Conference. George Moffatt was sustained as Mutual Superintendent. The deacon's quorum was organized with Pat Christian as president, Jed Oxborrow and Richard Winkel as counselors, and Lynn Moffatt as secretary. A cornet and clarinet duet was given by Jed and Kathy Oxborrow.

John Baker has been set apart as chairman of the Church Ward building committee.

Relief Society opened Oct. 5, in the Junior Sunday School building, with Pres. Artie Green presiding and conducting. Heard were Sister Hardy and Cecil Truscott on visiting teaching and theology lessons, and 20 minutes was taken for testimonies. There were 20 present. Relief Society conference will be held Sunday evening, Nov. 7. The Society Bazaar comes November 10, in the Country Club.

A family dinner will be served at 6.

The MIA has worked hard on their part for the Stake Road Show, which was held in Fremont high school in Oakland Oct. 23.

Saturday evening, Oct. 16, a potluck dinner was held at the Country Club for the retiring branch presidency.

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Oakland Fourth Building Construction Makes Excellent Progress This Fall

By Mildred Fontano

As many as 40 volunteer workers have been on the job at one time at the Oakland Fourth (Maxwell Park) ward chapel site, where the men and boys are working to great advantage laying the cement blocks for the walls before the winter rains. They can soon have the roof covered overhead.

Catherine Beck at 98

A few months back the name of Catherine Beck appeared in the Relief Society magazine honoring her as one of the older women of the church.

A month ago Sister Beck fell and fractured her wrist and hurt herself otherwise. But in four weeks the cast was off and Catherine was her sweet, well self again. Sis. Beck and her son, with whom she lives, are California converts to the Church.

Congratulations Twice

Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Engel of Alameda gave a reception for their daughter, Marion J., and her husband, Karl N. Haws Jr., who were recently married in the Salt Lake Temple, Sept. 26th. Young Karl is the son of Karl N. Haws Sr., of the Santa Barbara Stake presidency, and is continuing his dental studies at the U.C. medical center in San Francisco. Marion is a physical therapist at the cerebral palsy hospital in Palo Alto. She has previously served her internship at the Bay area Children, Herrick's and the Cerebral Palsy hospitals.

Conference and Incidentals

The Oakland Stake will hold Conference in the various wards Oct. 17 and 24, and Nov. 14 and 28. The Relief Societies of the stake will have their conferences Nov. 7 in all the wards of the stake.

Relief Society board meeting was held at the home of Pearl Meinie Oct. 22. The new board member, Ann Mailin, attended.

Former board members, Veda Linford, and Mildred Fontano, were invited guests to the luncheon following the meeting.

High Priests' Party

The High Priests' semi-annual turkey dinner was served to nearly two hundred people by the Oakland 4th Ward in the Alameda recreation hall. Proceeds were to help on the chapel construction.

October Conference

Some of those attending October General Conferences, the Daughters of the Utah Pioneer Convention, and the Relief Society Convention were: President and Mrs. Delbert F. Wright; Counselor Elmo Smith; Bp. Herbert Van Noy, and Nita; Austin and Melva Rainey; Bp. and Mrs. John Webster; Bp. and Mrs. Arnold Bangarter; Bp. and Mrs. Truman Nethercott; counselor and Mrs. Theodore Mudge; Mr. and Mrs. Jack James; Alina Wachtar; Barbara Bates; Arthur Daniels; Betty Joe Throb; M. Shultz; Ruby Ostler; Naomi Bates; Lapreel Moody; Mariner and Della Swensen; A. B. and Lila Graham; Bp. and Mrs. Ross McClellan; Owen and Mary Stuart; Pearl Meinie, Hazel Allen, Carmen Stephens, Jessie Lund, Keith Stephens and many others.

Gil Larson Home

After four years of service in the U.S. Army in Germany, Gil Larson, son of Beatrice Larson, has returned home. He is to be married early next year.

— WORDS —

"Visitant" means a supernatural caller; **"visitor"** a human caller

"Widely known" is better than **"well-known."**

The use of the verb "to witness" is not generally approved as being synonomous with "to see." One authority, Willis B. Forbes, in "The Right Word," says:

"Some authorities approve 'witness' as synonomous with 'see' in certain usages. It generally is considered, however, that 'witness' should be used in its legal sense only, as 'to witness a will.'"

Crime, Vice, Sin—"Crime"is violation of the law of the state; "vice" is violation of the moral law; "sin" is the violation of religious law.

Consensus of opinion: "Opinion" is unnecessary. A "consensus" is a general agreement or accord.

Contagion, Infection: Both words mean communication of something bad. "Contagion" is by outward contact or touch; "infection" by bacteria or germs in air or water.

Beg Your Pardon: Omit "your."

Build: Do not say "to build a tunnel," or "to build a fire." "Build means to erect, or to construct.

Casket: "Coffin" is a better word.

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Oakland Stake Choir Rehearsals Told

The dates for rehearsals of the Oakland Stake Choir have been set for Thursday, Nov. 4; Monday, Nov. 8, and Monday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. All these practices are scheduled for the San Leandro chapel. Everyone come, please, and be right on time if possible.

San Leandro

Relief Society Sets Bazaar November 19

The Relief Society is busy sewing articles for the ward bazaar, to be held November 19 in the chapel. All kinds of gifts for Christmas as well as bakery goods and household articles are for sale. Be sure to plan on attending, and do your Christmas shopping.

Ward teachers are going to have a party, with food and fun, November 12.

Brother and Sister Thomas Noble, released as fireside leaders, have been called to serve as stake missionaries. Their faithful and loving service will always be remembered by the fireside group.

General Conference reports were given in Sacrament meeting by Sisters Pearl Miene, Ruby Ostler, Sherline Webster and Bishop John Webster.

Myrtle and Alan Davidson are happy to welcome home, after four years of overseas service, Alan Jr., his wife Donna and their baby daughter, Robin, born in Yokosuka, Japan. There is an active branch of the church there. He also stated how deeply he appreciated the church while away. Donna was very busy being the first Relief Society president of the branch, while Alan was the president of the priesthood quorum.

U. S. Catholics Asked Protest Intolerance Of Spanish Cardinal

Many American citizens are becoming alarmed at repeated acts of Catholic authorities as reported in some South American nations and now in Spain suppressing religious freedom of speech. American citizens are asking their American Catholic friends to protest such actions to the Pope at Rome, because these reported blows against free agency in religion in supposedly free nations are making it more difficult to protest similar acts in communist-dominated countries.

One of the latest reported attacks on religious freedom of speech and action comes from Seville, Spain, where on July 31 the Associated Press cabled as follows:

"Pedro Cardinal Segura, Archbishop of Seville, deliered a violent attack on Protestants today and demanded a halt to propaganda from them which he said was 'reaching most alarming proportions."

He said it was particularly alarmed over news of the establishment of a summer camp for Protestants at San Lucar de Barrameda, in his diocese. He said this was a violation of the Spanish "bill of rights," which forbids public worship of non-Catholics. He demanded that the authorities close the camps.

"Protestantism has been, is and will always be the heretical rebellion against the true church and against the vicar of Christ, the fertile source of all evil and the aid and fomenter of all wildness."

The Deseret News of July 27, 1854, printed an item regarding booming San Francisco in the gold rush days.

"July 27, 1854—A United States mint was completed in San Francisco and was in operation, 'coining down daily vast treasures of golden ore.' It was intended that this mint should be capable of coining thirty million dollars yearly." A detailed description in the operations involved in coining gold was given.

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Ed Howard's Busy Life Career Shows Daring Changes, Rises To Professional Importance

The life career of Edward L. Howard, San Francisco Stake high councilor and stake MIA superintendent, extends in turn from Idaho where he was born in 1914, to Nevada, to Utah, and finally to San Francisco where he is now materials test engineer for a huge aggregates company.

Brother Howard's varied career includes a journeyman's card in printing which he earned by part-time apprenticeship work while completing high school at the town of Lincoln, California, eleven miles north of Roseville; a teacher of printing at a nearby high school upon graduation at Lincoln. Then a job as concrete technician on the Hoover Dam; a candidate for West Point, passing second highest; map work for the federal geologic survey; a call to the Spanish-American Mission; Spanish tutoring at and graduation from the Sacrament Jr. College.

Employment by the federal bureau of reclamation on the Shasta Dam followed, and finally came a materials test engineer position for the very large Pacific Coast Aggregates Company, with headquarters in San Francisco.

This test engineering position began in 1940 at age 26 when he was the only man with the company in that line of work. Now six men under his supervision care for testing in four huge plants of the company in San Francisco, Sacramento, Pleasanton, and Modesto.

In addition to this full-time employment, Elder Howard serves as U. C. extension course instructor, teaching two classes each semester entitled "Concrete Inspection and Control." Moreover he is an occasional contributor of technical articles written in a popular style for trade magazine in the rock and concrete field. In the September meeting in San Francisco of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, he read an assigned technical paper.

Despite this busy professional schedule, Brother Howard maintains an important list of Church duties. His high council assignment includes contact with the Primary and the Melchizedek priesthood. This besides his stakeswide overseership as stake superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Board.

Scouting has claimed Elder Howard's highest interest for 27 years. His Explorer group was the first troop in the world to receive the Ranger award.

As a writer and thinker, Ed Howard's many contributions to the editorial page of the Messenger bear witness. Moreover his popularity as a preacher and as a speaker at Firesides, for example, is well attested.

Corinne Lamber became Ed's wife as the two were on their way home from the same mission field. Now there are four Howard children, two boys 12 and 6 and two girls, 13 and 3 years old. The home is in Balboa Ward's Broadmoor Village in Colma, adjoining San Francisco.

Looking back on E. L. Howard's alertness in securing good positions, his ambition and rise to success one feels all was well forecast by Apostle Lyman in 1933 as Ed. L., age 19, consulted the Church leader regarding help in getting a job. Said the apostle, when he learned of Ed's forebears,

"No grandson of William Walter Howard has ever needed help to get a job."

ABOUT JAPAN

By Vinal G. Mauss

There are countless numbers of superstitions in Japan—those peculiar to certain localities, to certain professions, and those common to classes throughout the country.

The Japanese divide the horizontal space into 12 directions, each bearing the name of an animal such as monkey, horse, rabbit, etc., and each day has its lucky and unlucky directions. On the day when the dragon-snake direction is declared unlucky, people postpone till another day their trips in that direction, or they go by a round about way, avoiding that particular course. One direction which is always dreaded as unlucky is Northeast, which the Japanese call "Kimon" or the Devil's Gate.

"Engi," which, broadly translated, means the ascribing of lucky or unlucky omens to things or happenings, includes perhaps the greatest number of popular superstitions in Japan. When invited to a dinner, Japanese never eat one bowl of rice only; because one bowl of rice means an offering to the spirit of a dead person. Therefore they always eat two or more bowls of rice, for fear the one bowl may mean their death.

Superstitions about dates, "Higara," like those concerning directions, exercise a vast influence upon the Japanese people. There is a day named "Tomobiki," which comes once in every six days and on which Japanese never hold a funeral. It is believed that, if on that particular day any family holds a funeral ceremony, six other members of the family will subsequently pass away. The reason is that "Tomobiki" means "to pull friends." If, therefore, for any reason, a funeral is unavoidable on that day, Japanese put six earthen dolls in the casket so that the God of Death will be satisfied by proxy.

The classes of people who are most superstitious are those who are engaged in professions which involve a large element of chance, such as wrestlers, gamblers, variety show actors, etc. These people therefore are exceedingly sensitive to uncleanliness or impurity which they believe will cause the wrath of the gods and bring bad luck. They accordingly "purify" themselves after having been in a filthy place, having met a person whom they hate, or having met with an accident, by means of sprinkling a generous quantity of salt around them, or by producing sparks by means of striking two pieces of flint together.

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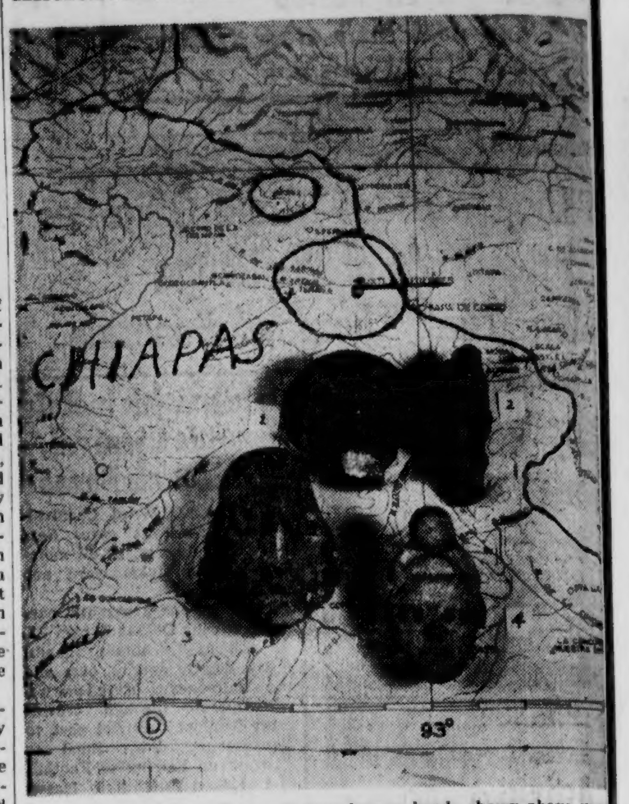

The strikingly well carved stone human heads shown above were gathered in person by Thomas Stuart Ferguson in Chiapas, Southern Mexico. This site is now one of the probable areas of the ancient Nephite civilizations in the neighborhood of their capital city of Zarahemla. Elder Ferguson is president of the New World Archeological Foundation which has conducted original expeditions for research in this promising Book of Mormon archeological region.

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Balboa Ward Cooperative Fruit Picking Project, Novato

Shown above are members of the Balboa Ward, San Francisco Stake, cooperating in a fruit picking project in Novato, Marin County, California. The pears and plums were sold, the proceeds going to the ward welfare budget. About $90, was cleared in one day's activity.

Left to right: Marsel Bain, Jack Jensen, Eleanor Patton, Claudette Puesey, Richard Horsley, Richard Millward (in tree), Bernice Pleskash, William Starkey, Anita Barton, Bishop Willard B. Barton (on ladder), Rachael Greenland, Robert Schwindt, Andrew Schwindt, Marie Hendershott, Rosalie Bailey.

Chinese Branch

Priesthood and MIA Activities Increase

By Ruth Challis

Three of our young men now bear the Aaronic priesthood as deacons: James Wong has been a deacon some time, Richard Woo was ordained Aug. 22, and Raymond Jue was ordained Sept. 26.

Attendance at MIA meetings this past month has been large, a joy to the branch presidency and each of us.

Betty Lim has been acting as chorister in our Sunday school and sacrament meetings the last few weeks. We appreciate and enjoy her fine leadership of our worship in song.

Our branch presidency again made possible our viewing on TV the Sunday morning session of General Conference in place of our regular Sunday school.

Our basketball team has not set any winning records so far in their games, but we are justly proud of their sportsmanship and diligent efforts.

Branch President's Message:

We as Latter-day Saints find ourselves in the world but not entirely of it. This separation comes not complettly of our own choice but is given as a matter of recognition by those who know us and know for what we stand. Jesus said in his teachings, "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." (Matt. 13:43.) We can and must shine forth and live as we are commanded.

The eyes of the world are upon us. We must guard diligenntly the precious truth and way of life we have and be living examples of all that is good. Do not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation.

BALBOA SECOND

Primary Homebl'drs. Hold Jubilee Party

By Ruth Challis

Primary Homebuilders held their silver jubilee party Oct. 14. This was also a party welcoming the new Larks to the Homebuilder group. Parents and everyone enjoyed a supper prepared by the girls. Ella Stull had made a beautiful cake in the shape of a home. Robin Craft and Dolly Yost were awarded service pins.

Balboa Second Ward members held their second anniversary dinner Oct. 8. A special thanks to the Relief Society and all others who helped.

MIA—Make a date now for the "Jack Frost Frolic" Nov. 12. Our ward will be hosts to the stake for its big dance. The girls to whom were given individual awards were taken to dinner: Sherilynn and Nancy Roberts, Nancy Smith, Irma Lee Williams, Sheila Koski, Marcia Arvella.

Blessed: Julie Ilene Brown, Della Ellen Brown, Kirk Robert Rowe.

Baptized: Edna Mae Brown, Dee Ann Brown.

Ordained: Elmo Van Wagner, a priest.

Bishop's Message:

Autumn is here with its attendant gathering of the harvest. The good fruit is kept for use of man, the poor fruit is disposed of for what little it is worth. How is our harvest of deeds and thoughts this year? Will they be considered as good fruit by the "Master Grader"? "As ye sow, so shall ye reap"; and "By their fruits shall ye know them."

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FOUR OF THE SEVEN S. F. STAKE PRESIDENTS ADDRESS OCTOBER STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The final conference of the year for the San Francisco Stake was a reunion and reacquaintance, and, time of farewell and welcome, of the wisdom of men of God. Seated before the near-thousand members and friends on October 10 were four of the seven presidents of the San Franicisco Stake - the first, President W. Aird MacDonald of Stockton; President Eugene Hilton of Oakland; President Stephen H. Winter, now patriarch of the stake, and the present leader, President Serge J. Lauper. They were inspiring participants in the day and witnesses to many changes.

A farewell was extended to President Ira I. Somers, first counselor in the stake released with sincere thanks for his devoted service. Moving with his family to a new home in Berkeley Stake, President Somers leaves behind a commendable contribution through his work with the Welfare Program. "If we understood the whole of this program," he remarked at conference, "the second coming of the Messiah would be much closer." The Welfare Program is a "schoolmaster teaching the order of Zion - 'they were of one heart and one mind and dwelt in the cause of righteousness and there were no poor among them." Work, said President Somers, is the backbone of the Welfare Program which, in turn, is a fundamental part of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Welcomed as first counselor in the stake presidency was President Wilford B. Murray; as second counselor, President Wallace N. Allred.

President Murray, formerly second counselor, opened the morning session with a tribute of appreciation to the women for their wholehearted support in the Master's program.

President Allred Speaks

President Wallace N. Allred has been a bishop for twenty years, dearly loved by the members of Mission Ward, enthusiastic, deeply religious. Humble in his new position, President Allred remarked that all he ever hoped to be was a good block teacher.

The reunion of the San Francisco stake presidents meant words of wisdom spoken with power and in deep humility. President Eugene Hilton, patriarch of the Oakland Stake, has traveled in many far With the world in such a sick condition, he said, we alone have the answer to the troubles of mankind.

A delightful surprise were the words of Ruth Hilton, wife of President Hilton, who talked about everyday things, about freedom from bad physical habits and false ideas that enslaves us, through knowing the truth and living up to the letter of the law of God every day.

W. Aird MacDonald Inspires

W. Aird MacDonald, now a member of the high council in San Joaquin Stake, confirmed that the church "is on the march." He has seen more conversions in the last three years than he saw in thirty years before. The tenor of all recent general conference, he said, is to live the gospel, be missionaries, and exemplaries of men.

Time at this stake conference was given to reacquaint the members with such leaders as James Challis, president of the stake missionaries and Gladys R. Winter, president of the stake Relief Society.

Representing the armed servicemen was Irvin Cohn, a recent convert to the church, whose humble testimony touched the hearts of everyone.

President Lauper closed the conference with these words of Christ, "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." There are many that will fight for their religion and many that will even work for it. There are those that will die for it, he said, but very few that will, to the complete end, live their religion. That is the supreme test.

No Visiting Authorities

Although the conference was held without the direction of a visiting authority, its informality netted a closeness and a strengthening power among the members that spelled its sucess.

Beautiful music was rendered by the choirs of San Francisco ward, Howard Ruff directing, and of San Rafael Ward, under Elayne Reid.

M.I.A. Conducts Evening Session

The evening session of the conference was under the direction of Stake M.I.A., age group counselor Afton Jensen presiding. Vocal solos by Joanna Hobbs and Reed Lindstrom, a talk by Jack Jensen and remarks of President Lauper made a lovely evening.

The High Priests at Stern Grove

The high priests quorum made Stern Grove a delightful rendezvous for a buffet dinner on Thursday, October 14. President of the quorum is J. Allen Whitecar.

Choirs to Present First Program

On December 17 the word choirs of the stake will embellish the lovely Christmas season with their first choir "Musical Festival." Jean Lauper, stake music chairman, will direct the event.

High Councilman Released

Mar W. McGregor was released from his labors as high councilman with a sincere vote of thanks at the recent stake conference.

Stake Primary

Ellis Kirkham of San Francisco ward was released as counselor in the stake primary, and Vera Forbyn of Sunset Ward, former Trek leader, called to that position.

Maria Russell, primary teacher trainer, leaves soon with her husband and small daughter on a four months' trip to the Orient.

Stake Relief Society

Josephine Danford, stake Relief Society magazine agent, is now recovering at home after a serious illness.

President Gladys R. Winter returned from the October General Relief Society Conference with inspiring enthusiasm from meeting with such leaders as President Belle S. Spafford.

STAKE M. I. A.

Opera Presented at Lettermen

A repeat performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore" was given for servicemen at Lettermen Hospital at the Presidio, September 28.

Beehive-Scout Breakfast-Sing

Stern Grove was the ideal setting for the enjoyable Beehive and Scout Breakfast Sing September 25. Alice Chamberlin and Ann Stewart are stake beekeepers.

Jr. M-Men and Gleaners Hike

Jr. M-Men and Gleaners spent a full day hiking and picnicking in Muir Woods and Mount Tamalpais. Bob Bain, Carol Wilson, and stake supervisors Frank Heiss and Carmen Tuttle were in charge.

South Sea Island Dance

Mission Ward was host to the stake at a South Sea Island dance October 1.

Stake Sunday School

Percentages for ward attendance at Sunday school during September were: Mission, 48 per cent; San Francisco, 42 per cent; Balboa II, 35 per cent; Sunset, 34 per cent; San Rafael, 32 per cent; and Balboa, 24 per cent. The stake average reached a new high of 36 per cent for the year. Superintendent Wesley Tolley encouragingly stated, "we believe an average of 40 per cent can be obtained by the end of the year."

Gertrude Heiss, a member of the stake Sunday school board, recently underwent major surgery at St. Francis hospital.

Pres. and Mrs. Lauper Honored

President and Mrs. Serge J. Lauper were honored on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at a home reception given by their daughter, Paulie, October 6. A happiness pervaded the evening through expressions of sincere respect, reunion of old acquaintances and the warmth and friendliness of the lovely Lauper family.

Assisting with the reception were Pauline's aunts, Mrs. Marcel Lauper of San Leandro, Mrs. Ralph Lauper and Mrs. Dennis Lauper of Oakland, Mrs. Joseph R. Johnson and Mrs. William Brown."

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Elder Benson Urges Intelligence in Voting

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Father disapproves of force, coercion and intimidation. He added that it is very clear from history that only a free people are happy.

Elder Benson said that those who were privileged to tour in Europe after the last war saw evidence that "when the wicked rule, the people mourn."

Cites Responsibility

"We as Latter-day Saints have the responsibility to see to it that we use our influence that honest men, wise and good men, be elected to public office in the community, in the county, in the state, and in the nation."

"It is not enough to stand on the sidelines and criticize what is taking place, and point a finger of scorn at some political leaders. Our job and responsibility is to take an active interest in these matters . . . to see to it that men of character, good men as measured by the standards of the Gospel, are elected to office."

Elder Benson proposed four questions which he said every Latter-day Saint well might ask in attempting "to appraise any policy or program or idea promoted by any would-be political leader."

1. Are the proposals and policies right according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

2. Are they right as measured by the constitution of this land?

3. Are they right as measured by the counsel of the living oracles of God?

4. What will be the effect on the morale and character of the people if this or that policy is adopted?

Use Influence

Elder Benson, referring to the November elections, said he hopes that all Latter-day Saints, regardless of political affiliation, will remember the standards of God—and use all their influence in safeguarding the liberty of this country.

He said his heart is filled with gratitude when he contemplates the great events which have transpired on this land, the events at Adam-ondi-Ahman, and the fact that the New Jerusalem is to be established here.

"I am grateful for the founding fathers and the freedom they have vouchsafed us . . . that they recognized that this freedom, this great boom of freedom and respect for the dignity of men, came as a gift from the creator."

He said this freedom implies that men might have joy—if through their efforts they live to merit joy.

Elder Benson said none had received more benefit from the conference sessions than he. He said he had literally received a spiritual uplift, and added that he also had enjoyed the "glorious privilege" of an hour or so in meditation in the Temple.

He said he was particularly grateful for the love and support of the General Authorities and the prayers of the Saints in his behalf during his twenty months as cabinet officer.

Elder Benson said his one fear and anxiety was that he might inadvertently say or do something that might cast unfavorable credit upon the Church and the people of God, adding:

"I pray this may never happen."

He concluded by testifying that America is a land choice above all others, the only nation in which the Gospel could have been restored in its fullness.

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San Francisco Ward

Joy of Genealogy Felt In Sacrament Meeting

By Becky Pratt

The importance of genealogical work in this dispensation was the theme of the sacrament meeting October 3rd. The program included: "Temple Activities of President Woodruff," Willard Aston; "Coming of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence," Lou Dean Grow; "The Dedication of the Salt Lake Temple," Utah Lawrence; "The Revelation on the Sealing of the Families," Dean Gray. Musical numbers were furnished by Nellie Van Damm, Howard Ruff and Wanda Christensen.

We are very proud of John Little, graduate from Primary, who is ready now to receive the Priesthood.

The Halloween party for the Primary children was held October 27th. Prizes were given for the best costumes.

Officers have been chosen for the Y. W. M. I. A.: president, Audrey Grayson; activity counselor, Rose Coshow; and age group counselor, Charmaine Halvorsen.

Confirmations: Gary Ward Guittard, Charles Edward Nalley and Thelma Marie Haigh.

Vernice Torongo, formerly a coordinator in the Junior Sunday school, has been appointed to the Sunday School Stake Board as director of Course Two.

Rose Coshow, Analu Newman and Joan James will serve as teachers in the Sunday school, and Gayle Farr is the new co-organist.

Sunset Ward

Relief Society Bazaar Ward Conference Set

By Oreti E. Aaron

Relief Society activities commenced with the attendance of 100 sisters at the annual dinner Friday evening, October 1. The Relief Society Bazaar scheduled for November 12 will feature a noon luncheon, evening dinner, and other special attractions.

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S. F. Stake Social Calendar

NOVEMBER 1954 SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday, November 5—Lucky Clover Dance "Pumpkin Parade"
Saturday, November 6—Stake Miamaid Party at San Rafael (afternoon)
Friday, November 12—Balboa 2nd Ward Host to Stake Party (at Bal. 2nd Ward)
Saturday, November 13—Stake Fashion Show (afternoon)
Saturday, November 13—Jr. M-Men and Jr. Gleaner Bowling Party.
Friday and Saturday, November 19 - 20—Road Shows
Friday, November 26—Thanksgiving Ball
Monday, November 29—MIA Leadership and Stake Speech Competition.

DECEMBER 1954

December 3—Balboa Ward Host to Stake Party (at Stake H. S.)

S. F. Stake Meeting Calendar

NOVEMBER, 1954

3 Wed.	7:45 pm	Stake Welfare Committee meeting
4 Thu.	7:00 pm	Stake Melchizedek, Senior Aaronic, and Aaronic Pr. Comm's.
4 Thu	8:00 pm	Stake Presidency and High Council
6 Sat	7:00 pm	Baptismal Service
7 Sun		Fast Sunday
11 Thu	7:30 pm	Cub Scout meeting
14 Sun		Sunset Ward Conference
14 Sun	2:30 pm	Stake and Ward Welfare Committees meeting
15 Mon	10:00 am	Stake Primary Preparation meeting
15 Mon	7:45 pm	Monthly Stake Priesthood meeting
18 Thu	7:00 pm	Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee meeting
18 Thu	7:45 pm	Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency and High Council. (Dec. calendar dates to be checked)
22 Mon	7:30 pm	M. I. A. Stake Leadership meeting
28 Sun		High Council visits to all wards
28 Sun	2:30 pm	Stake Sunday School Monthly Preparation meeting

Mathew Cowley Said He Got Fun Out of Obedience to Gospel

The late Elder Matthew Cowley of the Council of Twelve Apostles was a humorist and a happy companion, a joyous missionary and apostle.

He said in an address at the MIA June Conference in 1953, "when I am trying to do the best I know, then I tell you I am having the time of my life." We quote further by permission of the Deseret Book Co., publishers of "Matthew Cowley Speaks."

"Have you ever been frightened about the principles of the gospel? I have. I've been scared to death in my own home but not much! My parents, I am thankfulto say, always wanted us to feel good about the gospel, about obeying and happiness from it. It's sup- the principles of it, getting joy posed to lift us up, not depress us. I have in my office every day good and faithful members of this Church who are depressed, who are frustrated, who think they are not being saved, and most of those people whom I see are just as worthy as I, and some are more worthy. Why they are frustrated I don't know, unless someone is trying to scare them into the celestial glory. I like to get fun out of this business—good, wholesome, righteous fun—get a kick out of it. When I obey the principles of this gospel, I am the happiest man on earth. When I don't, then I am depressed, then I have a right to worry about myself; but, when I am trying to do the best I know, then I tell you, I am having the time of my life.

"I learned this philosophy from the natives out in the islands. They are a simple people. They know how to repent, and they know how to repent often. They know how to be forgiven, and they know how to forgive themselves. I learned that from them. Why, they can come in every week and repent for the same offense and if you forgive them, they go out walking on air, the happiest people you ever saw; but over here I have talked to people who have been forgiven thirty-five years ago and who have been almost perfect ever since, and they are still saying, 'I'll never forgive myself.' Brothers and sisters, teach these youngsters how to forgive themselves when they are forgiven." —From "Matthew Cowley Speaks."

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Which Shall It Be: Cooperation, Or Just a Lone Stick in the Mud

Guest Editorial by Ed A. Howard

Editorial

I saw a cartoon in the paper today depicting a bill of the present congress as a stick in the mud. It had been discarded and was therefore useless.

There is nothing quite as useless as a stick far out in a mud puddle. Yet, I have seen sticks in the mud making possible the greatest engineering undertakings of modern times. The difference between the useless stick and the useful one is that the latter, being placed with purpose is organized with others into a usable thing.

I saw these sticks holding back a muddy river while workmen placed the foundation for the world's highest dam. Without such a cofferdam driven into the muddy river bottom the plans of man could not have been accomplished.

Applied to the life of man—we are as useless as a stick in the mud, or we may be as valuable as organized timbers in the construction of great things. If we drift with life's tide, having no goal, we will find ourselves bogged down in the swamps and mud holes of despair, or in the eddies and backwaters of discontent, or the salt flats of spiritual death.

If on the other hand, we organize our life to conform to truth we will become usefull. We may never be great and powerful, recipients of world acclaim, but as the cofferdam we may be the key to the sucess of others. As strong piling protects the wharfs and their goods from the sea, so we might be able to protect a younger brother from the buffetings of Satan.

No matter how strong the timber it needs to be securely tied to others to make a lasting bulwark against the elements with which it must cope. Similarly it is with man, he must be in close cooperation with his fellows to enjoy the abundance of life. God has given us an organization, the Church of Jesus Christ, to tie us together in unity and strength that we might overcome all things.

Each timber in the cofferdam must be sound, firm, strong and given of its strength to the whole. Man too, must give of his individual strength. The success of the Kingdom of God depends upon these individual units and their coperation in the whole structure. Weak building effort would be endangered. All men who cannot comply with the requirements will be taken out to make room for those who are sound in belief, firm in faith, sturd in defending truth, and honest in their dealings with others

Missioners Climb Hill Bless Entire City to Find Truth Seekers

Dear President and
Sister Nalder:

When I first came to Mytheville to labor I found the people here not too receptive to us. The lady missionaries had quite a few meetings scheduled when I arrived —but when we called on them the people told us they didn't want us to come back. We had the doors slammed in our faces, and one minister told us to get out and to leave his good members alone.

We were not even treated nice in the local stores when we went in. When we would find someone nice we would be so anxious to return, but only to find that some neighbor or their minister had been there before us to warn them against us. Satan was really in control of the city.

We explained the situation to Elder Mellor, our supervising Elder and, remembering what Elder White had told us down in North Carolina West about the country and land being sick just the same as people (when people were sick, they called for the Elders to come and give them a blessing that they might be healed), I told Elder Mellor and he suggested that we do the same for the city here.

So one lovely morning a group of Elders went to a high point overlooking the city here, and gave it a blessing that the people who were honest in heart may be able to hear the Gospel and that the evil power would be taken away. The following week we did not feel much difference, but the week following we certainly did. When we went tracting, there was hardly a home that we did not get into, and almost all of the people we met had something nice to say about the Church. —**Sister Audry Nielsen**, Virginia West District, Central Atlantic States Mission.

Dear Brethren And Sisters

One of our Presidents has said: "As fasting should be accompanied by prayer, this law would bring the people nearer to God and divert their minds once a month at least, from the mad rush of worldly affairs and cause them to be brought into immediate contact with practical, pure undefiled religion, to visit the fatherless and the widow, and to keep themselves unspotted from the sins of the world. For religion is not in believing the commandments only, it is in doing them."

The Lord has declared His greatest ocmmandments and in them He uses the word "love" which is akin to charity. He has told us that without love it is impossible to please God; and if it is impossible to please God without this great virtue, then we could not possibly do things for our fellowmen without love, unless we have some other motive, which would not be righteous in the sight of our Heavely Father. We could therefore lose the blessing. Human beings in order to have joy must know that they are pleasing their Heavenly Father; otherwise there is anxiety and unhappiness.

Love is shown by sacrifice. Great love is shown by great sacrifices. There are little ways in which love can be shown, but it is through a personal sacrifice that one will understand sincere and true love. Personal self is forgotten in order that joy might be brought to one loved.

Fasting each month for many people constitutes a sacrifice because they have developed the "self" attitude. We must have all of our wants supplied; to hunger is an uncomfortable feeling, and we seek to eliminate this feeling by partaking of food. However, only by this little sacrifice can be become aware that there are those, and often not far removed from us, who have to go without, and therefore know the gnawing pangs of hunger, and cannot remove them in and of themselves. They must depend on others for this blessing.

Fast offering serves many purposes, but certainly no greater purpose than that those whom we consider our brethren and our neighbor should be given a few more of the comfortable things of life that his lot may be made as easy as our own. Only once a month comes the commandment and yet only a few comply. If all of us who say we love the Lord fasted onec each month and gave of our offerings, there would be sufficient to take care of those who must go without, and we would indeed be loving our neighbor as ourselves.

The Lord bless you all. . . .
Sincerely your brother,
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TABERNACLE CHOIR GOES ON EUROPEAN TOUR

The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir will make a tour of European Cities early in the next year. This was announced by President McKay at a special meeting with the officers and members of the choir. President McKay said that the tabernacle choir is one of the greatest missionary forces in the Church today, and that they are worthy of this consideration on the part of the Church. He feels that their singing in the great cities of Great Britain and on the continent of Europe will do much good to allay prejudices as it has done in America by its weekly broadcasts. Concerts will also be given along the way in the United States.

"Feel like a Million" Printed in Logan Gets National Praise

"Foods can make you feel like a million" is the full title of a 1954 publication that is enjoying much favorable notice in magazines of the nation. J. P. Smith and Sons, of Logan, Utah, are the printers, and the publishers are the Better Nutrition Institute, Washington, D.C. ($2.50'

The author, Cathryn Elwood, B.A., M.S. graduate of the USAC, Logan, Utah, and Cornell University, is a national health lecturer and author of many articles in leading magazines and newspapers. She is a frequent guest on radio and TV shows.

Afflicted with constant anemia, fatigue, colds and other ailments, she was virtually forced to study their causes and correction. Thus she had to find answers to, "Why do we have to be sick? Is it really necessary?" It is interesting to LDS readers to note how she confirms the food-half of the Word of Wisdom.

Her vivacious, delightful style, and the delicious foods she recommends for full nutrition make one "feel like a million," just for reading the book.

Word of Wisdom Dietary Prevents, Cures Neurosis Says U.S.C. Scientists

Two University of Southern California scientists report that vitamins and minerals have proven a successful treatment for neurosis. They suggested, October 10, that mental illness is subject to physical treatment as well as mental therapy.

Their treatment, called "nutritional replacement," is published in an article in the **Journal of Psychology.**

Since the vitamins and minerals are part of a dietary that includes vegetables, fruit and wheat (whole), it thus further confirms the food-half of the Word of Wisdom, which says:

"All wholesome herbs (vegetables) I the Lord have ordained for the constitution, nature and use of man;. . . " "every fruit in the season thereof;" . . . "flesh of beasts and of the fowls . . . used sparingly . . . only in times of winter, or of cold or famine;" . . . "all grain is good for the food of man . . . nevertheless, wheat for man."

Your Dental Health

By
Dr. Hearl Crowther
(Oral Surgeon)

Procrastination is the sickly, yellow imp which costs us time, money, inconvenience and, quite often, pain.

In no facet of our existence is this more manifest than in our dental problems. We "simply hate" to go to the dentist; but failure to have one's teeth examined and restored at regular intervals is, in one respect, like the small hole in a Nylon stocking—if it is not quickly repaired it becomes a run, and the only cure is a new stocking.

Because of the structure of teeth, particularly the molars and bi-cuspids (our chewing and grinding teeth), decay often involves the dentine or softer part of the tooth inside the enamel, before we are made aware of it through pain. But when nature thus warns us it is often too late to do anything but extract the tooth and replace it by a bridge, all of which includes time, money, inconvenience and discomfort.

There are several ways in which lost tooth structure may be restored. The two restorative materials in most common use are: gold and amalgam. The amalgam, commonly called "silver," is composed of silver, zinc and tin mixed with mercury.

When mixed with mercury, the above metals combine to form an amalgam. Excess mercury is squeezed from the mixture, and the resultant filling material is pressured into the tooth cavity prepared for its reception. It is well packed into the cavity, shaped to the required anatomical form, and hardens into a serviceable restoration. It is the least costly of metal fillings.

Gold foil may be malleted into a tooth cavity piece by piece, finished off, contoured and polished; or gold may be inserted in an inlay form. In this latter case, the tooth cavity is prepared, a wax impression of the cavity is taken, the wax is then invested in a mold, burned out, and molten gold cast into its place.

This form of dental restoration is known as the gold inlay. It is prepared for insertion into the tooth, cemented into place and polished.

A good amalgam filling is better than a poor inlay, but a good gold inlay makes the ideal restoration. It costs more, but is well worth the additional expenditure.

There are various ways to restore lost tooth structure, but no one has yet discovered a pound of filling material which will equal an ounce of prevention.

CHAPEL CUSTODIANS

The "forgotten man" in most wards of the Church perhaps is the chapel custodian. He does his work when we are not at the chapel. He prepares for us a clean, warm meeting house. We come and find it so, and take it all for granted, probably not thinking for a moment of the one who desrves credit for the neatness and comfort of it all. The attractive grounds are his care also.

Your Bible

By Mildred Fontano

Are you consistently reading the Bible? The National Bible Society tells us that one can read the entire Bible in sixty hours if one's reading capacity is that of a fifth grade child.

And the American Bible Society suggests we read two chapters every week day and three on the Sabbath, and at the end of one year the entire Bible will have been read.

The National Bible Society, which distributes Bibles, Testaments and Bible portions free or at cost to millions throughout the world in six hundred twenty (620) languages, is asking for $2,701,000 to carry on their world campaign of Bible reading.

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My Testimony

By Mabel Liddell

This is the Thanksgiving season, a time to consider the blessings we have at the hands of our Father in Heaven; time to gather our harvest and prepare for the long winter days; time to remember the words of God:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The most powerful testimony of the importance of obeying the law of tithing, that I have yet heard, came from the lips of a man who had never paid it.

He was a strong, sturdy Scotchman, who came to our house for a visit, a few years ago. He was then in his eightieth year, and as he sat across the room intently speaking, his thick white hair hallowed the seriousness of his face. He was one of Utah's best builders. Even now, the homes and churches that he and his sons have erected stand firm and secure through wind and storm, or summers heat, as though they had been built only yesterday.

He did not obtain wealth - he was too honest with his fellowmen for that, but all through the years he had rebelliously refused to pay his tithing. Now, at the threshold of eternity, he could view the past, and he had reached a definite conclusion that he wanted to pass on.

With the sadness of remorse, felt by those whose mistakes cannot be remedied, he said, "I know now that I have paid a tithing all of my life, only **I have paid it to the wrong men. In one bank failure, I lost an amount equivalent to a tenth of my entire life's earnings!**

He went on to voice his conviction that all of us pay a tithe, if not to the Lord, we pay it in foolish purchases, unwise decisions, avoidable accidents and failures, and often through waste of body and spirit in not keeping the word of wisdom.

He was going to meet his Maker empty handed of all the blessings that could have been his and **he knew it.** His conviction was, **"You do not obey Satan, without paying his price, and he gives you nothing in return."**

After his death, the family learned to their surprise, that he had left a sizeable amount of money to be spent in family genealogical and temple work. He had been too proud to risk being a burden to any of his children or I am sure it would have been given sooner.

His words are indelible in my memory. He wanted them to be so. He didn't want me to go before my Maker, at the close of life, with empty hands - as he was forced to do.

Because of the nature of his testimony and the fact that he is not here now, to approve it - I am with-holding his name. I have felt however, that he wanted his testimony passed on. He would want others to have the richness of God's blessings this Thanksgiving season.

"Prove me now herewith — saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi—3:10.

Archie J. Inger Local LDS Artist Dies in Hayward

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1937 or 1938, Archie Inger again began attending services of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Alameda Ward.

Devotedly religious by nature, he rapidly won his way into the hearts of all the Saints wherever he lived. He served as a member of the Oakland Stake high council, October 13, 1946, to April 10, 1949. He was a popular speaker and loved to teach classes in MIA.

Gifted and trained in painting, Elder Inger devoted the major part of his later years to landscapes and religious themes in oils. Many homes in the bay area have his framed pictures on their walls, as well as four chapels.

In the Hayward meeting house, at the front of the chapel, in a beautiful, curtained alcove, hangs an heroic-sized painting, the Crucifixion, which Elder Inger presented to the ward. It is the Savior on the cross, showing also in lighter tones the Savior's spirit as it begins its ascent to heaven.

In Elmhurst (Oakland 2nd) Ward hang's the artist's "Be Not Afraid" painting, a present to the ward, depicting Christ descending a stair with a wrecked background caused by some havoc of man. Two children crouch at the foot of the stairs looking pleadingly to Jesus for help from the destruction power just displayed. Two of Archie's neighboring children, a brother and sister, posed for hours while he painted this picture, enjoying seeing themselves grow on canvas. The boy was at the funeral, one of the last to leave the grave.

San Leandro Ward was a fourth recipient of Elder Inger's gift in painting, his "Resurrection," or "triumph" over the grave. As the Savior majestically comes forth from the tomb in triumphant power, the Roman guards are greatly perturbed with fears. Alameda Ward Chapel received a small painting for its Relief Society room.

Painting was not Brother Enger's only art. His beautiful book, "The Rejected Crown," is a word picture of Jerusalem and the Christ during His days on earth. One walks by the side of Christ during His ministry among men while reading this tenderly told story.

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Society

GOINGS AND COMINGS

Centerville — Brother Ernest Johnson and family are visiting in Southern California.

Sunday School Superintendent Jim Campbell and Mary have moved into their new home on Olive Street, Irvington. Mary's mother and sister have been their guests.

Brother Roland and Sister Miller have had as their guest, Sister Miller's sister from Utah.

A shower for La Verne Robertson was held at the home of Rose Winkel. Games were played. There were many lovely gifts for the expected baby.. Refreshments were served to 30 guests.

We welcome the Lindsay's back from their eastern trip. They report an enjoyable time spent with their family and many old time church friends who have held responsible government positions for many years. They spent two days in New York, visited many places of interest in Washington, also Arlington Cemetery and Lee's home and Kentucky caves. During Marie's absence Al Shuler of the Stake Sunday school board took charge of Junior Sunday school and Myrtle Jibson acted as chorister.

Fort Bragg—Ilene and Howard Wonacott left October 7, for a two weeks visit with her brother and family, of Enumclaw, Washington.

Evelyn Powers is visiting in Arizona with her daughter and family, which includes a brand new granddaughter.

Marella Shelley, her daughter, Mable Stillwell, and son Jerry Johnson, moved to Sacramento. A farewell party and gifts were given Marella and Mable by the young girls group, October 13. Marella was one of the three mothers counseling the teenagers.

Alameda—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blied of Pasadena, former members of Berkeley ward are returning to the Bay area. They are house guests of the Gustavesons at the present time. Mrs. Blied is the mother of Rhea Gustaveson.

The F. Fonoimoana family attended Conference in Salt Lake. They visited their daughter Joyce who is attending B. Y. U. Business college. It was their first trip to Salt Lake and they were delighted with Conference. They were entertained in Utah and Idaho by old friends and missionaries who had known them in both Somoa and Hawai.

William and Ann Park are vacationing in Idaho.

Charles and Rae Stamps visited Alameda ward at evening meeting October three.

San Leandro:—The Kenneth L. Fry family are looking forward to the home coming of Brother Fry who has been in special training in Philadelphia for the past several months. Brother Fry is a commander in the navy.

Phyllis and Kenneth Snyder and their three children from Sandy, Utah are guests of Phyllis's parents, the Martin Prices of San Leandro. Phyllis and Ken have many friends here and were active in San Leandro ward a few years ago.

SHOWERS

Walnut Creek Ward: A baby shower was held on September 27, at the home of Ione Buskirk in honor of Viva Barney; and another shower for Loretta Wilhelmson was held at the home of Sister Francelle Larsen on October 29, 1954.

Alameda: A baby shower was given in honor of Lorine Conrad Mon., Oct. 18, at the home of Elenor Engel. Co-hostesses were Marilyn Huse, May Knowles, Hazel Bangerter.

Rodeo: A surprise cradle shower honoring Mrs. Harold Berg was held at the home of Elsie Smith on Oct. 20th, and was attended by members of our ward. Assisting Sister Smith were Margie Boyce

and Ruth Davidson.

Oakland: Miss Norma Baxendale, Oakland, received in October a miscellaneous, wishing-well bridal shower given in her honor at the home of Nellie Stanworth, Pinole, assisted by Margie Hayden.

The former Miss Baxendale is the daughter of Mrs. Frank Kearns, Pinole. She was married to Raymond Nausin of Oakland, Oct. 23, in the LDS chapel, Martinez.

Pleasant Hill: Mary Katherine Kowalski and her wee-one-to-be were honored at a delightful shower held recently at the home of Maurine Corbridge.

Births

Sunset Ward: To Richard and Rogene Huish, a son, born October 11, 1954.

Walnut Creek Ward: It was a boy for the Wayne Barneys on October 15, 1954 at the Kaiser Hospital.

San Francisco Ward: It's a boy at the Henry Pardini's! Our newest ward member was born October 8th and weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces. Congratulations to the happy parents.

Pleasant Hill: It was the fourth child—a daughter—for Brother and Sister Keith McCune, whose baby girl arrived on October 17.

San Leandro Ward: Brother and Sister Louis Williams are happy to announce that they are grandparents. Sunday morning, October 19, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnett (Jean Williams). The name selected is Michael Scott. Jean and Rich are living in Palo Alto.

PALO ALTO STAKE

San Bruno

November Will Be Carnival - Bazzar Month in San Bruno

November will be remembered by the members of the San Bruno Ward as the month of the Carnival Bazaar. Chairman Mel Edgar promised today.

Scheduled as an all-day event, Saturday, November 20, featuring money-saving booths, exhibits and activities, food and more food, the day promises to be one of fun and profit for everyone. The proceeds are for the benefit of the ward building fund.

Come join the fun and enjoy the blessings!

Farewell, Espenschieds!

Bryan Espenschied, first counselor in the bishopric, his wife LaNore and their two children will leave for Salt Lake City in the immediate future. With sadness in our hearts, we are comforted by the thoughts of the anonymous poet who wrote:

I'M GLAD I TOUCHED SHOULDERS WITH YOU

There's a comforting thought at the close of the day,
When I am weary and lonely and sad,
That sort of grips hold of my crusty old heart,
And bids it be merry and glad.
It gets in my soul and it drives out the blues,
And finally thrills through and through.
It is just a sweet memory that chants the refrain:
"I'm glad I touched shoulders with you!"

First San Bruno Dinner

The football season lent itself to the theme of the first San Bruno Ward Dinner. This dinner was the "kickoff," Oct. 7, toward our ultimate goal line—a San Bruno and South San Francisco chapel.

A small group of wonderful men, our Senior Aaronic Priesthood, deserves honors for this very successful dinner. With Brother Rolland Baughman as chairman and Brother Hubert Straubaar as advisor, the anticipated 225 people swelled to over 300 before the dinner got under way.

The tables were attractively decorated and advantageously arranged for the "Stars of Tomorrow" show presented by San Mateo's Bishop Bill Stoker after dinner.

Ten Year Olds

The 8 to 10-year-old Sunday School class held a picnic at Coyote Point recently. Attending were Bonsie Jean Lewis, Gale Groo, Douglas White, Dorothy Waldron and Kathleen Robinson.

The potluck dinner was purposely planned by the teachers as a demonstration by and for the youngsters as to how our LDS pioneers cooperated in many community affairs. Each pupil was told he or she must do his or her share in furnishing part of the dinner or there would be a shortage. When several failed to show up for the affair, it was found that one pupil, Gale Groo, had taken enough extra sandwiches to cover the emergency and save the day.

Ward Teaching Stressed

The bishopric are going to spend more time in making an all-out effort to activate ward teaching. They request any family to report if they are not being visited and someone will be assigned to make the call.

San Mateo Ward

Rummage Sale Tops; Bazaar is Planned

By Peggy Card

The annual San Mateo Ward rummage sale, directed by Marguerite Skankey, Alma Eicke, Gladys Drennan, Rae McAllister, Ione Merrill and Arba Ranch, was highly successful this year. They turned over to Bishop Stoker, for Welfare assignment, approximately $850.

The Relief Society is planning the annual bazaar for November 5, and all members of the ward are invited to join in a delightful dinner, and an opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done early. In addition to the usual sale of fine hand-made items, the Relief Society is planning games and movies for the youngsters, so that everyone should be assured of having a wonderful evening.

It was a thrilling experience to stand atop the Temple hill, with the thought in mind that some day soon a Temple of God would be built there.

After the program, the group went to Joaquin Miller Regional Park for a picnic.

Appreciation is extended to Bill Eicke, as president, and Duane McQueen, who furnished the loud speaking system.

Waters - McKnight Hold Reception at LDS Institute Sept. 7

Norman D. Waters and Donna Marie McKnight, both of Berkeley First Ward, were married Sept. 7, 1954, in the Manti Temple.

The couple honeymooned in Utah, Nevada and in Yosemite. Wedding receptions were given by the bride's mother Sept. 16, 1954, in the Fresno First Ward chapel and by the groom's mother, Sept. 23, 1954, in the Gridley Ward recreation hall.

Another reception was held in Sacramento on Sept. 25, 1954, and a final reception was held at the L.D.S. Institute of Religion in Berkeley, Sept. 27, 1954.

Donna, daughter of Mrs. Delphia McKnight of Fresno, is a graduate of Fresno State College. Having worked at the Fresno County General Hospital, she is now employed as a medical laboratory technician in Oakland.

Norman is the son of Mrs. Emily Ludeen Waters of Gridley, California. Born in Twin Falls, Idaho, he grew up in Gridley. After four years in the Army Air Force during World War II, he attended the Sacramento Junior College and then the U.C. at Berkeley for a Bachelor of Science degree in 1949. After three years traveling in India and South Asia, doing research work for the U.S. government, and a year of graduate work at U.C., Norman is again at the U.C. at Berkeley and should complete a doctor of philosophy degree in entomology by the end of this semester.

Norman was the acting "Bishop" at the L.D.S. Institute for the evening services during the school year 1953-54. The couple originally met at one of the Lambda Delta Sigma activities.

They are now residing at 26 Westall Ave., Oakland, in the Oakland 1st Ward.

Redwood City

Ward Groups Hurry Finish New Chapel

By Elizabeth T. Wells

Ward members are making an all-out effort to finish their new chapel. The final finishing, furnishing and financing keep all their organizations busy doing their part. A concert, to raise money for the building fund, was given by the choir in the new building under direction of Jean Conrad, with Orrel Stowell, accompanist Several duets were sung by Alta Johnson and Maurice Morley, accompanied by Sister Stowell.

A welfare fund dinner sponsored by the Primary organization was held October 22. M. I. A. will sponsor a dinner on November 11, in the new building. The M. I. A. also put on the ward Halloween party October 26.

The ward genealogy committee has been recognized with William Moore as president. Their first meeting was October 27 in the genealogy room in the new building.

Relief Society Bazaar will be held December 4; and the Senior Aronic priesthood group will sponsor a rummage sale December 11 and 12.

Wedding Bells

Napa: We have just received word of the arrival of a son, Harold Wayne, who came to bless the home of Harold and Bonnie Davis. Bonnie is the former Mrs. Price from Napa. They are making their home in Colorado now.

Rodeo. Mrs. Ruth Davidson announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Deanne Davidson, Bayo Vista. Rodeo, to Dayton Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Smith, Rodeo.

Dayton is in the Air Force, stationed at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and will come home for a visit in November. He is a graduate of John Swett high, Crockett. Deanne is a student at the same school. No date has been set for the wedding.

San Francisco Ward: Verona Peterson, Junior Sunday School Director, will be married to Myron Alvord of Balboa Ward, February 8, 1955, in the Salt Lake City Temple.

Oakland Fourth: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lasater of Ogden announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Gill Larsen of our ward. Gill is the son of Bea Larsen. The wedding date is set for Thanksgiving time in the Salt Lake Temple.

George Hilton, son of Eugene and Ruth Hilton of Oakland Stake and Yvonne Horta have announced their engagement.

Obituaries

Napa: We are sorry to report the passing of Sister Annie Shulsen of Boyes Springs. Many of her friends will remember her in the Bay area, as she lived there before coming to the Napa Ward.

Oakland Fourth: Patriarch Robert Paine traveled with Sister Paine to Ogden to attend funeral services for his brother, Fred Paine. Our kindest sympathy to the Paine family.

Former Ward member, George Baker, came home to arrange funeral services for his father. Our love to him and his brothers and sisters.

Bishop W. N. Wallace Marries Hundreds

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school auditorium at the same location, which is already completely financed, so that the ward is free from any indebtedness.

This remarkably well loved Bishop was born in St. Anthony, Idaho and educated in the Pocatello, Idaho and Ogden, Utah schools. He moved to San Francisco with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Allred in 1919 where Wallace worked in the sheet metal trade and furthered his education by the University of California extension classes.

Since 1937 he has been Northern California agency supervisor for the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. He married Ella Bevan in 1926. She has walked devotedly by his side during the years, and is loved and admired by the hundreds of people they have both inspired. They have two children, Mrs. McKell Wheelwright of San Jose, Wallace Allred, Jr., of San Francisco and one grandson, Kenneth Wheelwright.

Personal Impressions Relief Society Meet In Salt Lake City

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lieve the remedy the Lord approves is repentance—repentance which demands forsaking the ways, the thoughts, and the intemperance which give rise to domestic troubles, repentance from sin in one form or another against the laws of God which makes fertile ground for dispute and contention, envy, jealousy and hatred."

Corner Stone Layed

The cornerstone-laying service for the new Relief Society building was most impressive. Sister Amy Brown Lyman said, "The new building will be a magnificent one, greater and grander than the women ever dreamed of; erected on ground made sacred by the feet of those women who have trodden here in the past."

The departmental meetings were outstanding. Relief Society reaches into every aspect of a woman's life. There is not a worthy interest or a woman's talent that cannot be developed in our Society. Appreciate its beauty, its importance and its influence for good. The strength and stability of the Church depends upon the testimonies of the individual members. Work in the Relief Society will develop a testimony that Jesus Christ is the son of God, and that Joseph Smith was the instrument through which the Gospel was restored to the earth.

Seminary Enrollment Now Exceeds 500

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day after day with happy zeal and real enthusiasm for the interesting discussions they get into. The real knowledge they're getting of things that before were just too hazy in their minds give a pretty good feeling after all. San Leandro's group has not yet hit stride as to numbers because of need for such things as more car pools, but it's coming and is only a matter of time and organization.

Hayward tops the list in enrollment so far in Oakland Stake with 25 lusty young folks found in jolly mood and with real enjoyment over both the lesson discussions and their good-natured class leader, Max Blair.

Vallejo's boys and girls and their parents decided they didn't think much of waiting another year before starting, and so have become the first seminary in Santa Rosa Stake. Their enrollment was not reported as we went to press.

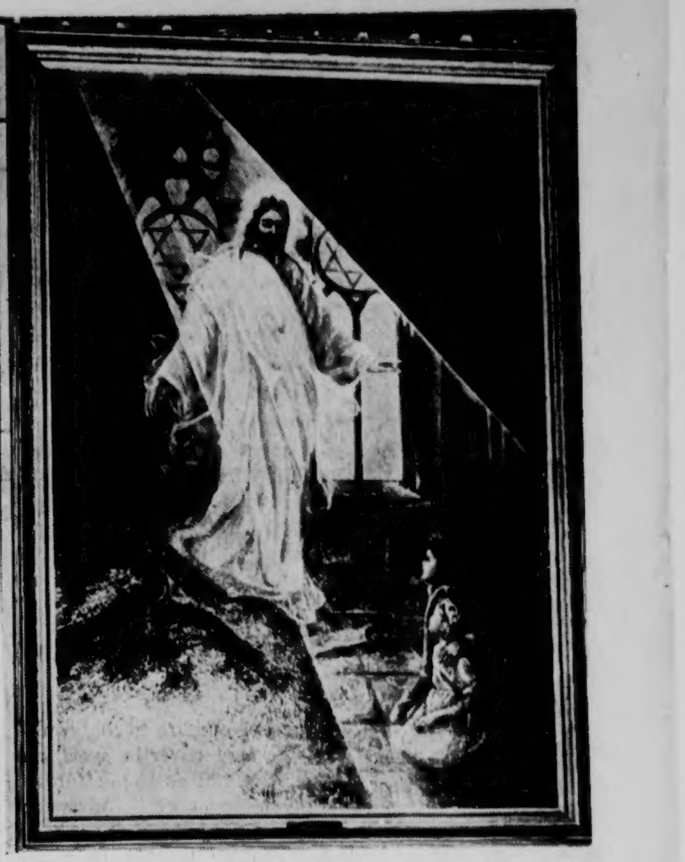
Berkeley Stake began seminary work three years ago when a group from the city's high school began rolling up the Le Conte Street hill to meet their seven o'clock date in the LDS Institute with director Lee Kenner and Mrs. Kenner. This year three other groups are going strong in Berkeley stake, and the enrollment in the new groups is averaging higher than in the Berkeley high seminary. Albany gathers 22 in the home of Arthur L. Hopkins' each morning, while over the hills in Walnut Creek 37 greet Neil Holbrook with cheery "good mornings" in a near 100 per cent attendance. Concord boys and girls to the number of 48 are reported as literally bubling over with enthusiasm for the early-bird seminary gatherings.

Palo Alto Stake's high school "kids" have surprised everyone in their seminary enrollment. First reports at hand show an almost perfect daily attendance down the Peninsula of 29 in San Mateo, 31 in Palo Alto, 29 in Redwood City, and 41 in Burlingame.

Add them all up and see for yourself! Who last year would have thought it possible to get going at 7 a. m. religious study groups of high school boys and girls to the tune of approximately 550 by this time this year.

But it's a fact! And everyone is feeling great pride, too.

"BE NOT AFRAID"



Archie Inger, the late Hayward artist of "Be Not Afraid," which now hangs in the Dimond Chapel, Oakland Stake, wrote to the Messenger about this masterpiece as follows:

"This painting 'Be Not Afraid,' was inspired by the dangers of war to all civilization from which not even our little children are exempt.

"Two little children have entered the Lord's House for safety; but it also is shattered. And while they pray the Lord appears and tells them, 'BE NOT AFRAID.'

"My two little neighbor friends, Gerald Garcia and Mary Ann Reyes, posed patiently as the children.

"It was painted at the request of the Dimond Bishopric at the time, and after discussions with Elder Glen Rounds.

"The name came to me as Ruth Hilton made her farewell address before leaving on her mission. Her admonition to the audience was the Saviour's charge to his frightened disciples during the storm on the Sea of Galilee, "BE NOT AFRAID."

BISHOP STOKER OFFERS FREE SERVICES IN SECURING PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINERS

(The Messenger is delighted to print the letter below from our talented and devoted LDS bishop of San Mateo Ward. Altho he requested that the letter be altered so as to omit the letter "I," we feel it is best to print it as received.)

I am very sympathetic with the problems in the stakes and wards in finding ways and means to raise money for our many needs, and I have thought that perhaps I might be of help in the Bay area by reason of the connections I have built up in the entertainment field during the past fifteen years.

A variety type show, either amateur, semi-professional or all professional, is often an excellent way to help finance a project. It has been my privilege in recent years to arrange such shows for wards and stakes on the west side of the bay, that have raised a total of over $10,000 for building and welfare funds. Through my work in arranging shows for military camps and business conventions, I am familiar with nearly all capable talent in northern California. Many fine professionals are friendly toward our Church and are willing to perform for us at a fraction of their regular fees. Other outstanding amateurs are happy to appear without charge because they appreciate the opportunity of gaining experience in front of our grateful audiences. The sound of our applause is "pay enough," and gives them encouragement.

It is often wise to plan such shows for a Monday night, especially if professionals are to be secured. That is usually a night when they do not have regular employment.

Given sufficient advance notice, I am sure that I can help any ward or stake line up entertainment in any price bracket. I am not an agent in any way. My services would be entirely free of any cost and I would be most happy to be of help. My vocal studio phone number in San Francisco is HEmlock 1-2962; my home phone in San Mateo, FIreside 5-5209.

Sincerely, Bill Stoker

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Berkeley Stake Social Calendar

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 6—Stake Young Peoples Dance - Pittsburg Recre-
Friday, November 19—Berkeley Stake Annual Road Shows - Pittsburg Recreation Hall 8:00 p. m.

Saturday, November 20—Berkeley Stake Annual Road Shows - Berkeley Recreation Hall 8:00 p. m.

Wenesday, November 24—Harvest Ball - with Oakland Stake 9:00 p. m. Scottish Rite Auditorium - Oakland

Saturday, November 27—Stake Young Peoples Dance - Pittsburg Recreation Hall 8:30 p. m.

DECEMBER

Saturday, November 4—Stake Young Peoples Dance - Pittsburg Recreation Hall 8:30 p. m.

Saturday, December 4—Stake Young Peoples Dance - Pittsburg Rec-

Saturday, December 11—Stake Young Peoples Dance - Pittsburg Recreation Hall 8:30 p. m.

Saturday, December 18—Stake Young Peoples Dance - Pittsburg Recreation Hall 8:30 p. m.

Saturday, December 25—Berkeley Stake Annual Christmas Dance - Berkeley Recreation Hall 9:00 p. m.

Berkeley Stake Meeting Calendar

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 4—Stake Family Night - Berkeley Chapel.

Saturday, November 13—Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference - Berkeley Chapel

Sunday, November 14—Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference - Berk-

Monday, November 15—M. I. A. Stake Leadership meeting - Berkeley Chapel 7:30 p. m.

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 2—Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel 7:30 p. m.

Saturday, December 11—High Priests' Quorum meeting - Berkeley Chapel 7:00 p. m.

Saturday, December 11—Stake General Priesthood meeting - Berkeley Chapel 8:00 p. m.

Walnut Creek

Seminary Class Has Many H. S. Students From 20-Mile Area

By Verna Mayfield

The Walnut Creek-Pleasant Hill Seminary students, numbering 37 in all come from approximately a 20-mile area every morning at 7:00 a. m. to study under the director Neil K. Holbrook. Coming himself from a great distance, he has inspired the students to come so early in the morning. Our saints feel that Brother Holbrook is laying ground-work for the building of future missionaries, as well as better church workers in general.

Myrna Morgan received on Sunday, October 17, her silver gleaner pin for her outstanding work in the gleaner class of the Mutual. Shirley Johnson, herself a Golden Gleaner, has helped Myrna in attaining this achievement.

Each year the Relief Society really out-do themselves for the annual Relief Society bazaar. This year, requiring a larger space than ever before, they gathered at the Buena Vista school Thursday, October 21 at 6:30 p. m. for a dinner and a sale of handiwork, plants grown by the members, white elephant booth, fish pond for the children and a bakery and candy booth. The presidency of the Relief Society feel that the women should be complimented for turning out beautiful things.

Jay Curtis and Dale Mayfield were recently set apart as stake misionaries. Roy Bobo and Dick Harline were recently released.

Concentrated work on the chapel is being urged by the bishopric in order that the main part may be enclosed before the rains come. There is hope that the Walnut Creek Ward will be able to use the main chapel in the Spring. Have you visited the chapel site lately to see what progress has been accomplished?

Anna and Tom Rogers Hold Golden Wedding Anniversary Reception

Anna and Tom Rogers, formerly of Claremont Ward, and among the earliest members of the Oakland branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the very beginning of the colony here, observed their golden wedding anniversary October 24, the actual day being October 22. A great crowd of well-wishers from the local area as well as from the Bay region were on hand at the reception of Brother and Sister Rogers, along with the members of their family. Many others from the Bay area who could not attend sent cards of greetings to them. Brother and Sister Rogers are active in the branch at Sebastopol, he being in the branch presidency and Sister Rogers being president of the Relief Society.

Thus they continue as they have ever been—active in the work of the Lord, wherever their lot has been cast.

East Richmond

November 5th Bazaar To Raise Ward Funds

By Alaine Wightman

Our ward is so busy these days, we don't have time to make news other than fund activities this month:

Our annual Relief Society bazaar is going to be held November 5 in the chapel. A hot turkey plate at 6 p. m.

All of the other organizations are joining in the fun and work. Primary and a fish pond; Scouts with crayons; Cubs with candied apples; MIA and Sunday school, games; Deacons, Christmas cards; Relief Society, dinner, Christmas gifts and pastries.

All proceeds will be used for the ward building fund.

Our Elders' quorum is doing a whale of a job collecting, cutting and selling fire wood logs to raise missionary funds.

Let's all get behind our ward project of wrecking two apartment buildings to supply fund for building our chapel.

MIA News

General MIA Bd. Member Brings Special Message to Ward, Stake MIA Leaders, and Bishoprics

Harrald S. Alvord of the Y.M. M.I.A. General Board, will be the guest of the Berkeley Stake Mutual Improvemennt Associations at their monthly leadership meeting Monday, November 51, 1954, at the Berkeley Chapel.

Brother Alvord will bring us a special message of importance to the Berkeley Stake, according to General Superintendent Elbert R. Curtis, who advised the Stake Mutual Officers of his proposed visit.

Superintendent Curtis has urged that a special invitation be extended to all ward bishoprics and priesthood leaders, as his discussions will be of great importance to them as well as MIA officials.

Brother Alvord is well known in the Berkeley area, as he is here frequently in his official capacity as assistant regional scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America. His headquarters is in Los Angeles where he is an active member of the Glendale West Ward. He is recognized as a powerful spiritual speaker with a more than usual understanding of human motivations.

Beginning Saturday, November 6, Pittsburg Ward will be the host to the regular Saturday night dances conducted by the Mutuals of the stake, and for the next three months, according to plans.

Started this summer under the sponsorship of the Berkeley Stake M Men-Gleaner Council, these young people's dances have become very popular, and attendance has increased steadily each week. They afford a place where the young people of the Church may spend an evening of dancing free from the atmosphere associated with many public dance halls and other undesirable places.

Older Age Groups

Although designed for the Junior M Men, Junior Gleaner and M Men-Gleaner age groups, Church members of older age groups are welcome to attend.

IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED THAT BEE HIVE GIRLS AND SCOUTS ATTEND THESE DANCES.

Wards of the Stake are encouraged to hold sports and dancing parties within their own wards for this age group. Parents are encouraged to limit attendance of their children in this group to once or twice each month, depending upon the parents' personal preference.

The annual election of the stake M Men-Gleaner Council will be held Saturday night, October 30, at 7:30 in the Claremont Ward to elect a chairman, an M Men representative, and a Gleaner representative to serve until April, 1955, at which time a new council will be elected to serve one full year.

All M Men and Gleaners of the stake are eligible to vote for the candidates of their choice. Nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting, and it is expected that competition will be keen.

Stake Council

The stake M Men-Gleaner council is composed of the three elected members, an appointed secretary and the presidency of each ward's M Men-Gleaner class.

Echoing the theme, "United We Stand" wards of Berkeley Stake are busy preparing for the annual road shows scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20 at Pittsburg and Berkeley, respectively.

Over the years Berkeley Stake road shows have been showing a steady improvement in material and in presentarion. It is expected that this year will also show progress in these departments. There is apparent an effort in many of the wards to prepare and present original material. This effort is being encouraged by stake drama leaders and mutual officers. Much fine talent is available and, who knows, we may have presented one of the masterpieces of church drama by that same talent.

This year's presentations—Friday, November 19 at Pittsburg and Saturday, November 20 at Berkeley—are being eagerly awaited.

Weston B. Seegmiller was set apart last month by the Stake Presidency to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Berkeley Stake, Y. M. M. I. A. Brother Seegmiller recognizes the great importance of work with the youth of the Church and the great need for a dedicated leadership devoted to the preparing of youth for leadtrship in all church work, and an understanding of those truths leading to true' testimonies.

Berkeley Stake

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Berkeley Stake

Very Special Treat For Relief Society Union Meet on Nov. 5

By Grace D. Hopkins

For the November Relief Society union meeting Friday, November 5, a very special program will be presented by Ruth Hilton. On this one day only the meeting will begin at one o'clock instead of one-thirty.

Stake board members attending Relief Society General Conference in Salt Lake City this fall were President Irene J. Ranker, LaVern Rock, Mary Dunham, Genieve James, Elsie Knowles, Emma Harmon and Verna Call.

A stake board luncheon honoring stake Relief Society past president, Vera Mayhew, MayBelle Anderson, Mildred Gibbs and Grace Summerhays, all recently released, was held at the home of Irene Ranker October 22.

Sister Mayhew has been president and MayBelle Anderson her counselor since October, 1948. Previous to that Vera was made counselor to Louise Knight when the Stake was organized in 1946 and Maybelle was sustained as secretary, in 1947. Mildred Gibbs was released to become a stake missionary. It is just learned that Grace Summerhays has agreed to stay on the board as organist.

Concord

Relief Society Invites LDS Ladies, Friends To Rich Program

The Concord LDS Relief Society invites all ladies and friends to their regular Wednesday meetings. On the first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., in November, comes the theology lesson; on the succeeding Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. the literary lesson, the the social science lesson will be presented. The fourth Wednesday is Ward family night, so that the fourth Monday is the regular visiting teachers' report meeting at 7:30 p.m., followed by the work and business and social session. This will be held in the homes of the members, as announced each month.

Remember Ward Family night is held each fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for everyone in the ward who is a leader or holds an office.

Work on Chapel, each Monday and Thursday evenings, 6 to 10. Also day (or any part of the day) Saturdays. Shift workers may work during any week-day—supervisor will be present.

Remember our Teacher-Training Class for all prospective teachers and ward leaders meets during opening exercises of Sunday School. If interested, call Ben Holbrook, MU. 2-062.

Seminary. Want to see something new? and inspiring? and surprising? Appear at 7 a.m. at the LDS seminary to see 48 early rising high schoolers, happy and jolly in the first Concord LDS seminary. Try it once.

Ward Bazaar. Remember, we're all getting ready, making and donating things, for our Concord Ward Bazaar to be held before the holidays. Bring your hand-made gift when you come to the opening social. Time to be announced.

Rodeo

Marilyn Kersey Gets Silver Gleaner Pin

By Una Ellsworth

Miss Marilyn Kersey was presented a silver gleaner pin Sunday evening October 10th.

Mrs. Robert Kersey, mother, pinned the award on her daughter. Stake officers were present.

Individual awards were presented to Marilyn and Sheron Kersey, Carolyn Highbee, Elmae Lane, Arnie Lane, Ellen and Geraldine Wanlass. Awards presentation was by Bishop T. Cleon Fitt.

Special interest class held a meeting and social evening at the home of the Ruel Wanlasses October 21st. Similar meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month to stimulate class interest.

RELIEF SOCIETY

The Relief Society held its opening party at the home of brother and sister Blaine Lott in September. Sister Jessie Bradeson underwent surgery last month in Vallejo General hospital.

Blaine and Margaret Lott are on annual vacation for one month, and visiting relatives and friends in Idaho and Montana.

A ward dinner is being planned for the benefit of the Welfare fund by the bishopric, to be held in the Veteran's hall in Rodeo, November 12th. Sister, Elsie Smith is chairman.

Our ward held a rummage sale at Richmond in October. Sister Stewart was chairman.

Bishop and Sister T. Cleon Fitt and family, Tormey; Sister and Brother Edwin Lane and family, El Sobrante, and Mateel Fadash, Pinole, spent their vacation in Idaho. They also attended the 125th general conference.

We are holding all meetings in the Veteran's Memorial hall while members are working to help finance construction of a two-ward chapel to be erected on property recently purchased in the El Sobrante area.

The bishopric appeals for more financial support to help this cause.

Florence Nielsen Leaves On Long Visit to Family In Several Eastern States

Mrs. Florence Nielsen of Claremont Ward, mother of Dale Nielsen of Livermore, and of Mrs. David Cummings of Hayward, left in late October for a visit with her four sons, career military men, and a daughter.

Sister Nielsen is the widow of the late Jesse Nielsen, a former leading high priest of Berkeley Ward, and a former Bishop in Idaho. She has served as local captain of the D.U.P.

Pleasant Hill

Review of Tithes By Members Urged

By Dora Friedrich

The end of the year is approaching rapidly. Now is the time for us to review our tithes and offerings for the year. Many have neglected payments of the Lord's tenth, assuming they would make it up later.

Remember that each year the books are closed about January 1 and your record is sent to Church headquarters. Plan now to make your 1954 record one you will be proud of in that day when "the books are opened" and you are "judged out of the things that are written in the books."

—Joseph Roy Hilton, Bishop

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Bishop Hilton was happy to note that 23 members of the Pleasant Hill Ward attended General Conference.

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Relief Society Bazaar: Get gift items, and those things you need yourself, at the Relief Society Bazaar November 12 at Buena Vista School.

Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the bazaar will follow. It will all be great!

On November 4, a Bazaar Shower will be held to prepare for the big event.

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Do yourself a favor, and the building fund, too! Support the Toy Sale now at the home of Geneve and Wally Scott, 2118 Ramona Drive, Concord.

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M.I.A.— A successful "white elephant" sale to raise funds for the MIA was held recently. Yvonne Phillips and Bal Evans worked hard on details.

It was fun at the Halloween Party, October 26.

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RAINS COMING

The rains will soon be here—and there is urgent need for all the volunteer labor attainable to speed the necessary road work that has to be done at the chapel site. So, please, guys and gals, get out your muscles and working clothes!

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Choir — We have a new practice time, and the need for more voices in the choir: 5 p.m. Sundays at the chapel. Everyone who likes to sing is encouraged to support Evelyn Tueller, choir director.

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Our beautiful baptismal font was used for the first time, when Susanne Hilton, Keith Harris and Bruce Coleman were baptised recently.

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Expressing complete approval of their class and teacher, Neil Holbrook, are the eight high school boys and girls of the Pleasant Hill Ward, who are attending seminary. The class is held in conjunction with Walnut Creek Ward each week-day morning from 7 to 7:45 a.m. at the new chapel. Mothers and Fathers cooperate by driving the young people to and from the class.

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SOCIAL NOTES

Members of the bishopric, ward clerks and their husbands and wives were entertained at a dinner party given at the home of Joy and Dean Criddle. Sharing their hospitality were Joe and Wanda Hilton, Von and Meta Neilsen, Jim and Lela Kaufman, and Bud and Neta Peacock.

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Loads of good wishes to Velda Coffin, past 21, and Diane Friedrich, just 7, who celebrated birthdays in October, and to Paul and Dorothy Oram who, on October 17, celebrated their 15 years of livin', laughin' and lovin' together.

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Petaluma

Yesterday's Children Going Forth Today In the World's Work

(Editor's note: This interesting report came a little too late for the last Messenger.)

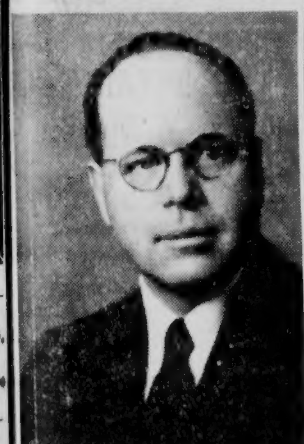
Yesterday's children are fast going forth to take their places in today's world. **Mark L. Lewis,** son of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Lewis reported Sept. 23 for Army service. **Jackie Baker,** daughter of Devere and Nola Baker, is now junior secretary with Baker and Hamilton, wholesale dealers in machiney. She commutes daily to San Francisco. Belle Skidmore is majoring in a commerce course at Santa Rosa Junior College under a scholarship received at her graduation from Petaluma High School last June.

Dr. and Sister Don Thomas and their children, Lynn and Paula, have moved to Logan, Utah where he has accepted the position of extension veterinarian for the state of Utah, an associate professor on the USAC staff, and his work will be both state and federal and calls for mainly livestock disease control. Don was in the branch presidency and a teacher of the Aaronic priesthood class. Sister Thomas was Relief Society president and a Primary teacher.

Sisters Veta Whitley and Mary Hill have been sustained as teachers in the Primary. This association has certainly shown tremendous growth since it was organized in Petaluma.

The Relief Society sisters were quite pleased with their completed pieces in ceramic and are now trying their hands at leathercraft. Sister Dorothy Anderson who is this year teaching arts and crafts in the Petaluma High School is directing these projects in Relief Society and the sisters are most grateful to her the time and effort she puts in sharing these talents with us.

CLOSING THOUGHT: The Road that the Eternal Father followed to Godhood was one of living at all times a dynamic, industrious, and completely righteous life. There is no other way to exaltation. All men who ascend to the glorious status of Godhood can do so only by obedience to all the principles and ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



. . . Dr. Emery R. Ranker

Dr. Emery R. Ranker resumed his practice of medicine in mid-October after several months vacation made necessary after undergoing surgery. Dr. Ranker is delighted that he is able to continue his profession. He has won his way into the hearts of many hundreds of California friends who now wish him every blessing.

Napa

Bessie Corliss Moves From England, Napa

By Catherine J. Woolley

Bessie Corliss has just recently moved to the Napa Ward from Preston, England. Very active in the Church, there she served as district Relief Society president, in the MIA, the Sunday School, and was chorister.. She was put right to work as a teacher in the MIA. She will be an inspiration to all the girls.

Bishop Allan Woolley, Rex Candland, Ferrin Francom and Harold Constable, clerk, traveled together to Salt Lake City and attended all Conference sessions. A wonderful conference; a wonderful trip, traveling, eating, sleeping together and really getting acquainted as a bishopric!

In their absence, Brother James Young was in charge of the ward. He conducted a very inspirational sacrament meeting with high priests as the speakers.

Other General Conference visitors from Napa were the Reed Kellers, the George Bruertons, Bessie Corliss, Pres. and Mrs. John L. Murdock and their son Paul, and the Vern Wilsons.

The Relief Society opening social was held after the first theology meeting, and was very well attended; a delicious luncheon was served.

Fort Bragg

Relief Society Bazaar And Rummage Sale To Be Held Oct. 30

By Fern Mosier

The Relief Society bazaar and rummage sale will be held October 30 in the IOOF hall on Main St.

Ross and Ruth Holmes and six children of Branschomb are a welcome addition to the branch.

Ward teachers for the branch are President Ray Fransen, Gary Mosier; George Mosier and Clarence Gass.

Two Active Members Move From Oakland To Berkeley Stake

Two young families have moved into Berkeley Stake from neighboring Oakland Stake.

The Dean Ogdens have been active in Oakland Ward and the Neil McCarthys in Oakland Third (Dimond). Neil is a piano teacher, while ~~Dean Ogden is employed~~ in San Francisco.

. . . Pianist Neil McCarthy

. . . Dean Ogden

Berkeley Stake

Harmon Counsels Re Games of Chance

Pres. W. Glenn Harmon referred to the recent legal action against lotteries on the part of Catholic Church nuns in Fresno, and counseled members of the Church to avoid all forms of games of chance in our various bazaars.

Granting that appeals to the spirit of gambling affords an easy way to raise money, he pointed out that both the Church and the law proscribe this practice in any manner or degrees.

High Priests Accepted

The stake high priests' quorum voted at their October 16 meeting in the Berkeley chapel to accept into membership, Dean Ogden and Vinal G. Mauss, transferred from Oakland Stake; John Harmon, transferred from Mt. Nebo Stake, Utah; and Samuel W. Scott of Orinda, recently ordained.

Stake Seeks Farm

Berkeley Stake is actively seeking a suitable Welfare farm, according to statements by President W. Glenn Harmon at the October 16 stake priesthood meeting.

Relative land costs for a farm suitable for dairying, hay and grains and varied crops were reported more favorable in the Dixon area than in the Brentwood section. Dr. Ranker has been and continues to explore potential offerings. Reorganization of 6th Quorum of Elders Completed.

With the selection of brother Bill Martin as 2nd counselor, the reorganization of the 6th Quorum of Elders has been completed.

Bill Martin

Bill was born at Twin Falls, Idaho, but his family soon thereafter moved to Stockton, California, where he attended Stockton high school. In 1943 Bill joined the navy where he saw service in the Pacific theater until 1946. After his release from the service he took up residence in Salt Lake City where he learned the sheet-metal trade. Following his marriage to Mary Lou Able of Elnita, Oklahoma in 1951, he returned to California to make his home. Mary Lou was baptized into the church this year. Bill is the proud father of two children, a son 8 and a daughter 10. He is presently employed as a sheetmetal mechanic and is active in church work—M. P. Bulletin.

First Baptismal Held in Walnut Creek Font

The first baptismal service to be held in the new font of the Walnut Creek Ward chapel took place Saturday evening, September 25, 1954. More than one hundred persons were in attendance to witness the baptism of 14 new members into the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is expected that other wards in the stake who do not have access to baptismal fonts will desire to use this fine facility in the future.—M. P. Bullentin.

Stake Blood Bank Report

Brother Elmo Carr, chairman of the Stake Blood Bank Committee, reports that two pints of blood were contributed to the Permanente bank during the month of September by the second quorum of Elders. There are now 6 pints of blood on deposit in the Permanente bank and 6 on deposit in the Alameda County Blood Bank or a total of 12 pints in all.

It should be again emphasized that appointment to donate blood must be made and must be made well in advance by calling OLympic 3-6121 for the Permanente bank or OLympic 4-2924 for the Alameda County Bank.

The blood donation assignment for the month of November has been made to the 339th Quorum of Seventy.—M. P. Bulletin.

Peter Kenner Arrives New England Mission

Berkeley First

Our latest full-time missionary, Peter C. Kenner, son of our Berkeley LDS Institute director R. Lee Kenner and Mrs. Kenner is now in the New England states Mission. His farewell was unique; its speakers and those who offered prayer were fellow students with Peter C. at the LDS Institute when he was doing U. C. work last year.

Fred Huish (Blackie) was again able to attend Church services in late October after almost three months prescribed bed rest on account of a heart condition.

Lawrence Hardisty, son of Ralph Hardisty, so well known a few years ago in Berkeley, is now happily active again with his wife, Gloria Shirley and their three children, in our ward. Their home is at 2015 Hearst.

Thomas O. Call now called to stake services has been released as counselor to S. S. Superintendent C. Lynn Mahoney. Ed A. Pyle steps again into the superintendency to fill the vacancy.

Sarah Banning attended Sunday School for the first time since her late lengthy illness. She has lately done temple work in Salt Lake City.

Ward Choir

Harold J. Glenn is meeting the choir weekly now as director. All who enjoy singing are invited to become ward choir members. Nothing adds more to the spirit of worship than a devoted choir. "The song of heart is a prayer unto me" says our Heavenly Father.

Herbert A. Golden is again home after another session at the hospital. He observed his 70th birthday anniversary Sunday, October 17.

Joseph C. and Greta Miller are now living at 1623 Josephine, the old home of Mrs. Florence Nielsen who now rents to the Millers and lives in another of her homes in Claremont Ward. Joe is a teacher of electronics at the Berkeley high school.

Arthur Nicolaysen, son of Mack Nicolayson, who now lives in San Francisco, still resides at the old home, 1511 Grant Street, while attending the U. C.

Petaluma

Betty Adair Becomes Relief Society Head

After the moving to Logan, Utah last month of Dr. and Sister Don Thomas and family, changes are in the making in our Relief Society and branch presidency. Sister Betty Adair was sustained as Relief Society president, with Barbara Neilsen one counsellor, Beverly Smeath secretary and Dorothy Anderson teacher topic leader.

The Relief Society held a very successful bake sale; now comes a very interesting leathercraft project. A well-attended and delicious pot luck dinner was held as the opening social for this Relief Society year.

Barbara Neilsen, Mary Hill, Beverly Smeath, and Teddy Brockbank have been sustaind as assistants in Primary work. Betty Adair and Vetta Whitley were released.

A Cub Scout group is being organized with Mary Yearsley as leader and will be sponsored by the branch.

Mark L. Lewis, son of Dr. and Sister Mark Lewis, is stationed at Fort Ord.

CLOSING THOUGHT: "No knowledge of God can be won unless it is earnestly, honestly and prayerfully sought."

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Squirrels, Woodpeckers, Ants Preparing For a Long Winter at Liahona Campsite

The following article was penned by the editor in 1953 while he was on vacation at the Liahona campsite. Confessedly it contains some typographical errors which cannot now be corrected for reason of change in fonts since the story was set in type last year.

(The following nature notes were written in October, 1953)

It's pine cone harvest time at the Liahona campsite and everywhere in the Stanislaus Forest. The squirrels are the busiest of California's harvest hands.

"Plunk" is the sound one hears from morn until night, whether one sits at meals or is at work. "Plunk" stands for the dull thud sound made by the falling of the eight to 16-ounce pine cones as they hit the ground. Cast your eye quickly to the pine branches directly over the fallen cone and you are sure to spot the scampering squirrel up there.

Watch him dash out on another branch. See him start to nibble at the base of another cone. First one sees small bunches of pine needles or leaves fall, then more leaves, and then in about two minutes down will come the "plunking" cone itself.

Pick up the fallen cone. But be careful. Very sharp quarter-inch long pins stick out all over the cone, each pin tipping one of the cone's enclosing scales. Note also, that the cone scales are still "green," not loose and open, but fleshy and immovable. These cones will be found to be full of juicy, tender pine nuts, hidden at the bases of their tight-fitting scales. The squirrel knows that full well, even tho you may not.

The Squirrels Pare the Cone

Now see Mr. Squirrel slither down the tree trunk to the ground and, dash to the felled cones, grasp a cone by its stem and scamper off to hide it away. One may come upon stores of hidden cones at the most unexpected places. Later they will be pared and the pine nuts gleaned out .

Arthur Hopkins was flushing water down the ditch in front of the lodge on October 11 when, to his surprise, he shoveled out of the ditch six or eight large freshly cut cones. The squirrel had apparently selected that foot-deep ditch as ideal for temporary storage

As the Lindsay carpentry group sat at dinner one evening they were treated by a squirrel to a demonstration of his cone-paring methods. Upon the dinning table the squirrel had lifted a "green" cone which he had previously felled from a pine tree. He held the cone between his fore feet while his sharp teeth pared off scale by scale.

Scale fragments were tossed to one side; in about 15 minutes the job was completed; the bare cone now weighed only three ounces which before was a solid eight ounces. We wondered what next

The Pared Cone Buried

The light weight cone now was easy for the squirrel to carry. The cone had only its core left, but in the core were 40 or 50 pine nuts. Now they were within easy reach by a bit of probing.

By this time the evening meal was over and most of the diners left the table and lost track of the squirrel. But one of the men still watched. The squirrel now scampered off with the pared cone.

There he was "in a jiffy" down on the lose ground covering, digging a hole in which to bury the cone. How the dirt flew as his little feet dug into the light material. Then he went deeper into more solid soil. Finally the cone was fitted into a deeper well at the bottom of the hole and the dirt scooped back into place and tapped down by those busy, versatile, front feet. And the squirrel disappeared.

The Pared Cone Dug Up

Two of the campers soon went to the place of the buried cone and dug it up. But we almost missed finding the cone altho we knew we were at the right spot. The upper six inches of soil was loose material and the cone was not hidden in it as we had thot it would be. Finally one of us probed into the more solid soil beneath. There it was. Snuggly it had been placed into a close-fitting well, just right in depth and girth to receive the entire cone. And we could lift the toothsome pine nuts out on a pocket-knife blade. They are good eating, tho smaller than the commercial pine nuts.

Quail Seen

One day in early October 1953 as the group of lodge builders sat at the table, behold a bevy of quail were seen 150 feet away, running and stopping as is their custom, as they passed from north to south in a clearing behind the intervening trees. This was the first quail reported on the Liahona Campsite.
trees were standing hale and hearty in the summer suns and winter snows.

Bears Seen Higher Up

Arthur L. Hopkins reports that in 1951 while he was working at the take-in pool at the head of our camp water pipe he heard a rustling in the bushes a short distance away. Looking up he saw a brown bear. The bear just then saw him also. They both stood there looking and not moving. In a minute or so the bear ambled off out of sight and was not heard or seen again.

Woodpeckers Peck

Woodpeckers were busy at their boring trade. Much of the bark from all fallen trees now show the holes bored by the ancestors of the present peckers in years long past while those aged

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LAMBDA DELTA SIGMA GROUP PRESENTS MISS REXINE FERREL TURLOCK' T.V. RADIO PIANIST

Lambda Delta Sigma of Berkeley LDS Institute of Religion will present Miss Rexine Ferrel, 17-year-old concert pianist of Turlock, in recital Sunday, November 7th, at 7 p.m., her second appearance at the Institute in special piano concerts.

Rexine has become one of the outstanding young pianists of California, and of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Giving her first concert at the age of 12, she has been presented in many recitals, and has made many T.V. and radio appearances throughout California. She won the Exchange Club's "Search for Talent Contest" at Catalina Island in 1952. This search drew 4,000 entrants and Miss Ferrel was given the grand-sweepstakes award and a $500 scholarship, besides an offer oof a T.V. appearance on the Lucille Norman show in Hollywood.

She also won at the age of 13 a search for talent award, and appeared on the late Armond Gerard T.V. show in San Francisco. This year Miss Ferrel was chosen outstanding girl pianist in the state, and was chosen top pianist in Northern California and Bay area music teachers' association auditions. She played in Pasadena this last June at the state music teachers' convention and was given $500 to further her musical education.

Last year Miss Ferrel was chosen by the Napa Symphony as outstanding young pianist of the year, and was presented by the Napa Symphony as guest soloist.

Rexine won the Modesto Symphony young artists' audition this year, and was presented as guest soloist with Modesto Symphony last March.

This December Miss Ferrel will be presented with the Stockton Symphony as guest soloist.

Miss Ferrel is a pupil of the world-famous pianist teacher, Egon Petri, who is pianist-in-residence at Mills College, Oakland.

Rexine gave her first building fund concert at the age of 12 to help with the Gridley, California, Stake House. She also gave a building fund concert at 14 in Turlock to help raise funds for their building. She plans to give another one for Turlock Ward to raise funds to help complete their new chapel.

She is very active in her home Ward at Turlock, California. She has constantly won the LDS girls' award and is now working on her silver Gleaner MIA award. She has a strong sweet testimony of the Gospel, and is known in her home area as the "little Mormon Pianiste."

Miss Ferrel will play the following numbers:

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Scherzo in b flat minor by Chopin;

Etude de-concert in f minor by Liszt.

PIANIST REXINE FERREL

B. Y. U. News

Enrollment at B.Y.U Up Nine Per Cent

Enrollment at Brigham Young University Tuesday had reached a new record of over 7200 attendance.

The new record smashes last year's mark of 6618, and represents an increase of 9 per cent.

President Wilkinson stressed the fact that the new total figure includes regular, daytime, on-campus students only. No branches, night classes or correspondence students are listed.

One of the fastest growing universities in the West, Brigham Young has increased 55 per cent since 1950. The university is in the midst of a $10,000,000 (ten million) expansion program of dormitory and academic buildings to accommodate all the additional students.

Dr. Pardoe Goes on Mission

Dr. T. Earl Pardoe, a member of the Brigham Young University speech faculty for 34 years, has accepted a call to the New England States Mission. He was organizer of the speech faculty, and has produced more than 500 plays.

During his first mission in New England, he organized a neighborhood dramatic group for foreign-born young people there, and presented plays for the public on the steps of the Old North Church in Boston—one of the first boys' movements in the area. He hopes to continue his work with young people of the area during his second mission there.

RECORDS REVEAL GOVERNOR KNIGHT NOT L.D.S. MEMBER

(The Messenger has received the following letter from the Intermountain News, a LDS paper in Los Angeles. The Messenger is absolutely non-partisan politically. We hope no one will feel that the Messenger seeks anything but the truth. We would not say one derogatory word against our good Governor Knight, and seek not to influence votes.)

To correct a widespread rumor that Governor Goodwin J. Knight "is a Mormon," the California Intermountain News has been asked to make public a recent investigation into the matter.

The rumor gained credence when last year the Church News (Salt Lake City) reported that the Governor was a member of Wilshire Ward.

A retraction of this story was printed on page eight of the Church News Saturday, July 3, 1954. It follows:

GOVERNOR KNIGHT
NOT MEMBER
OF LDS CHURCH

"At the time of his inauguration as Governor of California, Goodwin J. Knight was reported in the Church News as being a Latter-day Saint and a member of the Wilshire Ward in Los Angeles Stake.

"The information concerning Governor Knight's Church affiliation in that story was in error. Though he is a native of Provo, Utah, he is not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, according to records at Church headquarters and Bishop Roy Utley of Wilshire Ward."

According to reliable reports, Governor Knight is an active member of the Episcopalian church.

Marguerite Gaisford Stricken with Polio; Improvement Seen

Marguerite Gibson Gaisford of Burlingame Ward, wife of Keith Gaisford, was very suddenly stricken with an ailment which in two days, October 20, was diagnosed as polio by attending physicians. As the Messenger goes to press, she is in a San Francisco hospital, and on the road to recovery. Administrations of the priesthood are given credit for saving her life after attending doctors had held out no hope.

Sister Gaisford is the mother of a young child. She is the daughter of Marshall and Mrs. Gibson of Willows in Santa Rosa Stake, and the sister of A. S. Gibson of Palo Alto Ward. Marguarite's parents came to her side and were with their son and his wife, Carol Dunham Gibson. They were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Dunham in Berkeley Ward, parents of Carol.

Keith Gaisford is a brother of Ray Gaisford of Mountain View, and a son of Mrs. LaVerne Gaisford Bain of Claremont Ward, in Berkeley Stake.

NOTICE TO REPORTERS AND ALL CONCERNED

The size of the Messenger will be reduced 25 per cent in the January 1955 issue, and perhaps in the December 1954 issue. The new format will be five columns in size, so that each size will be the same as that of the Church News.

Each ward and stake is invited to send in the usual news; however, kindly keep the lessened space in mind.

Genealogists Come to Mrs. Schier Lectures From Three Stakes

Approximately 100 genealogy-minded Saints gathered Wednesday Oct. 21 and 28 at the Berkeley LDS chapel to hear Mrs. G. E. Schier of 2700 22nd St., San Francisco, as she gave her first two lectures in a new 4-week series of talks on ancestry research, to be held on each Wednesday thru Nov. 3 and 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Inviting all in attendance to bring two sets of pedigree charts where problems still remain, with name of the one submitting chart, address, ward, and special help needed, the lecturer announced that copies of her four lectures will be presented later mimeographed in book form.

Notice was also presented that Mary Harline of Walnut Creek or Bob Smith of Pleasant Hill may be contacted at any time regarding visits to be made to the S. F. Library.

Individual help will be given in person and by mail to everyone submitting pedigree charts. At the end of the four weeks the same charts will be called for so that progress towards completion may be noted and checked.

Bookcraft Bounces Burgon's Bungles

By H. W. Burgon

Yes! Indeed- Bookcraft, Salt Lake City, publishers of the finest and best of LDS books, sent us, unsolicited, a good supply of "Your Bible" by Pres. J. Reuben Clark Jr., to be distributed to the winners of our Bungled Games. Each one who responded will receive a copy.

Thanks a million to Brother Wallin, manager of Bookcraft for his interest and big-hearted support. The readers, as well as the writer, truly express gratitude, and will show our appreciation by visiting your lovely store at 1186 So. Main St. as often as we come to Salt Lake City.

Now to our reader: We all congratulate the three members who submitted the published sentences. Here they are, with apologies for the printer again, who omitted some words which bungled up the bungle excessively. Here they are translated correctly:

No. 1 by Sister Baker: "Spirituality and morality are not inherited."

No. 2 by Sister Davis: "Procrastination is the thief of time and opportunity."

No. 3 by Sister Johnson: "A prophet is one who speaks for God under the inspiration of heaven."

Each is really a feast of food for thought, and here are a couple of beautiful thoughts for our November Games.

No. 1 by Sister Katie Monkof Rodeo Ward:

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No. 2 by Sister Thelma Ambrosio of Richmond Ward:

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November prizes have not yet been determined, but there are "Heaps of Golden Thoughts" in trying, especially if you send in your contributions for December games. Naturally, we shall be looking for X-mas trends in sentences, not necessarily restricted, however.

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Local U.A.C. Alumni Agog Over Drafting Dr. Aldous Dixon, U. A. C. President, For Congressional Candidate in Utah

Members of the local colony who are also alumni of the Utah Agricultural College were surprised and puzzled over the October 16 hurried drafting by the Republican party leaders in the second district in Utah, of Dr. Aldous Dixon, president of the Logan institution as their candidate for congress to replace resigned Representative Douglas Stringfellow.

According to radio and press announcements, Rep. Stringfellow, wounded veteran of World War II, went on TV Saturday, October 16, in Salt Lake City and repentently admitted that the story of his exploits as an agent of the office of Strategic Service was a fabrication of his own imagination.

Congressman Stringfellow's offer to withdraw as a candidate for re-election in the current campaign was promptly accepted by the Utah State Central Committee. The committee then hurriedly canvassed possible substitute candidates. Having settled upon Dr. Dixon, they then brought all the persuasion influence of Gov. Lee and Senator Watkins and other party leaders to elicit an agreement from him to make the bid for election.

Will Dr. Dixon be granted a leave of absence from the U.A.C. presidency by the governing board to conduct the political campaign? If elected, will the leave of absence be extended, or will a successor be appointed? The alumni feel reluctant to lose their able president who has brought a new era of peace to the U.A.C. after years of disharmony.

In the meantime, local church members who became well acquainted with Elder Douglas Stringfellow are stunned at the recent denouements. Especially does this apply to some converts whom he was instrumental in bringing into the Church. The Messenger's editor became well acquainted with missionary Stringfellow and his charming wife. They were delightful persons and highly respected.

One quoted the words of Senator Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), who conferred with Rep. Stringfellow Saturday, Oct. 16, and accompanied him to the television station, who said:

"I am not disposed to desert him (Rep. Stringfellow) now . . . When a man is willing to repent and does repent, I consider it as a Christian duty to follow the admonition to forgive."

Rep. Douglas Stringfellow

Oakland Stake Aaronic Priesthood Pan For Gold

Four leaders and 17 Aaronic Priesthood members under 21 went gold-panning near Placerville, Saturday, October 16. Charles Burns, secretary of the Oakland Fourth Ward Elders' Quorum accompanied the young men and taught them how to find gold.

Bro. & Sir. Fleming Pope Announce Arrival of Baby

Mrs. Fleming Pope of Oakland Ward gave birth to Gregory Taylor Pope, September 20. Mother and baby are doing well.

The Popes and grandparents, the E. Z. Taylors of Vallejo, are very grateful that Sister Pope was able to carry this baby successfully. She had suffered many former setbacks and was ill most of the period of conception. But all is well that ends well.

Air Tour of Concord, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Cr'k Chapels

Herb Macey's airplane took us aloft Saturday, October 23, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. so that we could air-tour the sites and see construction progress on two most magnificent and up-to-date LDS chapels, one in Concord, the other in Walnut Creek. The latter is a joint project with Pleasant Hill Ward. It was an exhilerating 60 minutes which took us not only over the two chapels but over Mount Diablo and also over the whole of that area from the Sacramento River to the section beyond Walnut Creek and over Lafayette, and all between.

Mrs. Virginia Macey kindly met us at the Concord airport (officially Buchanan Field, Contra Costa County Airport), as we grounded. Then, while Herb again soared skyward, this time with photographer Ed A. Pyle, Berkeley's commercial picture man, for shots of the two chapels, the temple site in Oakland, and several commercial shots, Virginia whisked us in Herb's station wagon to both the chapels we had just bird-eyed a few minutes before.

Genial Bishop Markham and hearty Bishop Hilton of the Concord and Pleasant Hill Wards respectively, greeted us cordially and delegated guides to show us over the rapidly-rising chapels, and explain the details of modern chapel ensembles—quite different than we knew just a few years ago.

Notable were the baptismal pools and special meeting rooms in each chapel, and their patio areas with fire places; cry rooms and junior Sunday school quarters; Relief Society workrooms with fine storage facilities; kitchens and lounges, and everything for efficient use.

But the prime wonder, to us, of each construction is the immense size of the long, wide main structure which, when divided by heavy drapes, will become lovely recreational halls in one half, and the chapels proper in the other half, but when jointly used, will constitute one huge auditorium either for great church meetings, or for large dramatic presentations on the modern stages provided in each building. The speaker or the play will be perfectly visible and audible to every person attending.

At Concord the steeple was being fabricated, while at Walnut Creek a tar and gravel roof over the entire structure was going on so rapidly that we were told the whole thing would be completed in one day. All this by a commercial roofing company, non-Mormons, who volunteered their services as a good-will gesture.

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The regular monthly Liahona Club lunch and lecture meeting was held at the Robinhood Restaurant, 55 Grand Avenue, Oakland, Monday, October 24, at 7 p.m.

Last month's meeting at the Robinhood heard Dick Owens (Berkeley 2nd) discuss the duties and opportunities of his new position as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the California State Farm Bureau.

Subsequent club meetings this winter will explore future club projects. Planned for next season is a swimming pool and other developments at the Liahona Lodge.

Milton Lott Authors "The Last Hunt"

Milton Lott of the Livermore Branch is the author of a new book entitled "The Last Hunt." This is a historical story, though based upon deep research, regarding the buffaloes of the plains. This has been an intersting theme of Brother Lott for a long time, we learn from his sister Mrs. Anna Ellsworth of Berkeley. Milton Lott is a graduate of the University of California and has done post-graduate work in literature.

Mr. Lott taught math in the Army and is now engaged in mill-wright work in Livermore. He has three children and his wife was formerly a school teacher.

The book is published by Houghton-Mifflin Company and was reviewed on October 4th by Joseph Henry Jackson in his facous column in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Repentent Congressman Pledges He Will Live To Redeem Mistakes

Rep. Douglas Stringfellow of Utah said before the TV in Salt Lake City October 18 regarding the false stories he has told about his wartime exploits; "This night I am in this studio for the purpose of giving up the complete truth. Here are the facts:

"I was never an OSS agent. I never participated in any behind-the-lines mission for our government. I never captured Otto Hahn, or any other physicist.

"The foreging statements have borne heavily upon my conscience, and I want any misstatements and misunderstandings to be immediately corrected.

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Miss Clare Middlemiss of Princeton Ward, Salt Lake City, private secretary to President David O. McKay, was a visitor at the Berkeley First Ward Sunday School October 16 in company with Dr. and Mrs. Hearl Crowther, with whom Sister Middlemiss was visiting on her vacation. She and Margaret Crowther are old friends.

President McKay is the nicest person in the whole world with whom one could be associated, says his secretary. She finds her work most interesting also because of the privilege of meeting so many interesting persons who call to greet the President of the Church.

Scarcely anyone of importance passes thru Salt Lake City without calling at the office of the President. This has included President Eisenhower, rulers and ambassadors of foreign nations, governors of many states of the Union, national leaders in education, industry, arts and science.

One day a sweet four-year-old girl called on the President to wish him happy returns of his birthday. It was her birthday also. Miss Middlemiss said it was beautiful to see the loving interest with which President McKay chatted with that little lady.

The President is an early riser and is usually at his office before 7 a.m. He usually returns to his home for dinner, his main meal of the day. Mrs. McKay does her own cooking and housework, not having a maid, except possibly an occasional helper on cleaning day.

Secretary Middlemiss has been a missionary for the Church in the Western States Mission, and has served as president of the ward Young Women's MIA and in other stake and ward positions.

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Regarding her last April Hawaiian airplane tour, she also sends word that the demand for these LDS flying tours to the islands seems just never to diminish. So her regular annual April eleven day tour to Hawaii by plane will again take place.

Reflections

Vinal G. Mauss

COME, COME YE SAINTS

CRITICS ARE FORGOTTEN

It's easy to criticize the work of another person. A man whose name is William Shakespeare wrote verse and produced plays. A man whose name is John Payne Collier gained notoriety while picking Shakespeare's work to pieces, laughing at it, making fun of it, but who is now remembered? I doubt if you have ever heard of the latter, but there are few indeed who have not spent many pleasant hours with William Shakespeare.

The "Knocker" makes more noise than the person who quietly builds, who is constructive in thought and action. He is the one whom we admire. Last week, last evening, today there are the wreckers; unable to build, they take delight in tearing down—but they are soon pushed aside, forgotten.

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Think What it Means: Remember Him and Partake Thanksgiving Spirit, Advised Elder Young

By Dale Roe

"Think what it means to remember Him, and especially think, at this time of the year, and partake of the spirit of Thanksgiving for the Gospel," Elder Clifford E. Young told members of the Oakland stake at their afternoon session of quarterly conference, at the Shrine auditorium Sunday, November 21.

Advising, "don't exercise faith beyond the will of our Heavenly Father," Elder Young said, "but do the will of our Heavenly Father, in a spirit of gratitude."

Discussing affliction, he said we should know what affliction is, and that it is not the fault of the afflicted nor their parents, but we should realize too that "atonement is infinite."

Other afternoon speakers were: Delbert F. Wright, president of Oakland stake, who counted among his blessings "the wonderful people of Oakland Stake and the wonderful way they respond." He admonished, "pay more attention to fast offerings. When we give the price of our two meals for fast offering, we are helped two ways: we gain physically and spiritually. In this support of the poor and the afflicted, he showed that the average annual contribution in Oakland stake for the 24 meals missed for the 12 Fast Sundays is only $1.45 per person.

Leonard J. Love

Leonard J. Love, of the general welfare committee, pointed out that this stake is below average in fast offerings, and stressed that when we do contribute we are working in a program to prove to our Father in Heaven that we are capable of being in this world and free agents and that we want to keep all of His commandments.

Milton P. Ream, counselor to President Wright, recommended frequent reading of the Doctrine and Covenants and then making the covenants part of our lives by living them.

Heard also were Paul E. Warnicke, bishop of Oakland Fifth Ward and chairman of the stake's bishop's council; and Raymond

(Continued on Page 6)

Elder Clifford E. Young addressed Oakland Stake conference.

Free Professional Help For Benefit Performances

Did you overlook the generous offer of our Bishop Stoker of San Mateo, a professional talent trainer who maintains professional offices in San Francisco for radio and night club singers?

This talented and devoted bishop of San Mateo penned a letter in October to the Messenger offering free help in raising money for our many church needs. Recently he has arranged such shows for wards and stakes in the West Bay, raising more than $10,000 for building and welfare funds. We printed the letter on page 5 of our November 1954 issue, but it was placed so some readers may have overlooked it. Hence this second notation.

The genial bishop may be called at his San Francisco office, HE mlock 1-2962, or at his San Mateo home, FI reside 3-5207.

FLASH:—Bishop Stoker was released November 21.

Large Audiences Hear Hugh B. Brown; Walter Danzie Counsels Stake Heads Regarding Stake Welfare Farm Lands

At the Berkeley Stake Conference, representing the General Church Authorities, were Elders Hugh B. Brown, Assistant to the Quorum of Twelve, and Walter Danzie of the General Welfare committee.

An attendance of 1221 Berkeley Stake members more than taxed the seating capacity of the Berkeley Chapel at the Sunday sessions of the stake quarterly conference November 12.

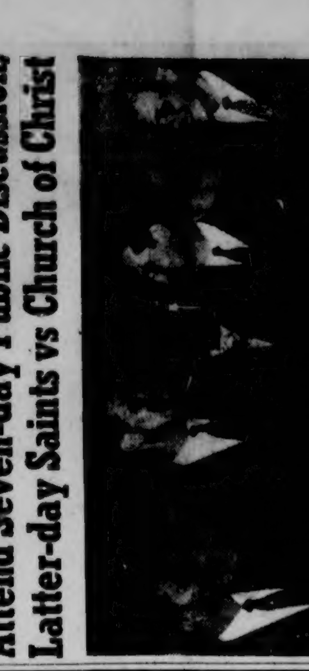
The stake presidency and all members of the stake high council and all bishops of wards were in attendance.

Music for the Sunday morning services was furnished by the Primary teachers and officers of the ward associations. Marjorie Wood Remington directed the chorus, with Mary Russell Burton at the organ. In the afternoon, Claremont Ward's choir furnished the music; chorister, Curt Millward; guest organist, [illegible] Brown. Stake chorister, Nico D. [illegible] directed congregational singing.

The sermons of Elder Brown at Saturday evening leadership-priesthood meeting and at the two Sunday sessions of the conference drew many favorable words of appreciation from the saints. It was Elder Brown's first visit to Berkeley Stake in his present church position. He is considered a very gifted speaker.

Elder Danzie, a specialist in welfare farms for the General Welfare committee, conducted a welfare meeting for stake and ward welfare committees Saturday evening, Nov. 11. Sunday afternoon he accompanied President Emery R. Ranker of the stake presidency in looking over and giving counsel upon several farms which are currently under consideration for purchase as a stake welfare project.

Between Three and Four Thousand Attend Seven-day Public Discussion, Latter-day Saints vs Church of Christ



Shown about are principals and moderators who took part in a seven-day series of religious discussions, Nov. 8-14, at the Church of Christ Chapel, 2808 35th Ave., Oakland, between representatives of the points of view of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and of the Church of Christ.

Left to right: Joe Gilmore Jr., local preacher, Church of Christ, moderator; Dr. James D. Bales, Harding College (Church of Christ), Searcy, Arkansas, who spoke for his church; Thomas Stuart Ferguson, Oakland attorney, who upheld the LDS point of view; Scott Barrett, Claremont Ward, moderator. Photo by Ed Pyle Photography

Between three and four thousand persons attended the seven-day public discussion, Nov. 8 to 14, between Thomas S. Ferguson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Dr. James S. Ferguson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Dr. James D. Bales of the Church of Christ, a professor in a college of that Church, in Searcy, Arkansas.

Three propositions were debated involving the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, the doctrine of baptism for the dead, and the great apostacy after the death of the early apostles.

The last session, Sunday, November 14th, was devoted to a summary of the arguments previously presented. Two moderators were Joe Gilmore, evangelist of the 35th Avenue Church of Christ, and Scott Barrett of Claremont Ward.

This series of debates stems from a request for them on the part of Joe Gilmore Jr. to Thomas S. Ferguson, following a critical lecture on Mormonism at the Richmond Church of Christ a few months earlier.

Things Still Undecided

Among the many things still left undecided at the conclusion of the discussions was one concerning the value of similar discussions before the public on religious subjects. Periodically, the quest continues, seeking a desirable method of presenting opposing views to the public for mutual enlightenment. Courtesy, fraternity and good decorum marked this discussion.

In his proof of the historical accuracy of the Book of Mormon, Elder Ferguson presented documents that came to light in the 19th century, but which were written in the 16th century, and yet support the historic statements in the Book of Mormon as to the origin of the colonizers, their cultures and religious beliefs.

Pictures contrasting the old world and the new in regard to such things as structural pyramids, figurines with facial features, beards and turbans, and many other likenesses between the two areas were shown.

Mr. Ferguson also presented linguistic evidence of the relationship of the Near East and Central America. He placed upon a blackboard Book of Mormon names and similar names now known to be of Arabic, Egyptian or Hebrew origin, but unknown to the unschooled prophets.

To these contentions and evidences Mr. Bales was not prepared at the time to present evidence of a contrary nature. He referred, however, to a book on American Indian antiquities, copyrighted in 1834 by Josiah Preece in upper New York, and showed that this book contained reference to the ruins and some of the early Maya writings of the 16th century. However, this was after the Book of Mormon had come forth, and it was not made clear how such information could possibly have reached the unschooled youth, Joseph Smith, by 1829.

Dr. Bales referred to the old Spaulding manuscript story. The fraudulent claims that Spaulding's childish novel was similar to the Book of Mormon were blasted by debator Thomas Ferguson simply by quoting from the two compositions for comparison, Where the one is juvenile and ridiculous, the other is serious and often sublime.

The Kinderhook plates were discussed by Professor Bales, who contended that one witness had left an affidavit declaring that the plates were fabricated by two men in order to play a hoax upon the prophet by pretending to dig them from an Indian mound and then

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Genealogy: Ways and Means

By Mary Lou Harline

(Note: Since June 22 I have been busy with my progeny, especially Marta Ann, who was born on that day. Now I hope to resume this column in behalf of our progenitors. Notes, suggestions, questions and discussions of your research problems, both your successes and failures, will be appreciated so that this column may benefit the most people. Please send your mail to Mrs. Mary Lou Harline, 1721 Poplar Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif.)

DO IT NOW is a good slogan for members of the L.D.S. Church to remember in connection with their genealogical responsibilities. We cannot expect to fulfill our obligations to our ancestors in one month, one year, or one lifetime. BUT WE CAN EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING, IF WE SET OUT A PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR OURSELVES, AND FOLLOW IT A STEP AT A TIME.

The Salt Lake Temple wasn't built in one year, it was forty years in construction. It possibly could have been finished sooner, but the pioneers of that day had other work to do also; the building up of the Church and providing the necessities of life for themselves. We also find that we frequently have many jobs to do—earning a living, missionary work, working in other church organizations, caring for a home and children, **but the task of seeking out our ancestors and having them sealed to us was given to us all.** We are not excused from it because we have been asked to serve in some other capacity. We are not expected to do it all, or do it all at once. **But we must start.** DO IT NOW.

Pedigree Charts

Compile your pedigree chart; see just what has been done on your family tree; how far back the lines have been extended and how complete the work is. Gather data for your own family group sheet and for your closest family members. With this done, you are ready to extend your lines, add to your family group sheets, and do more temple work.

But don't attempt to gather the blessings all for yourself; let others join in your work. Make it a family project. You will be surprised to find that your family is drawn closer together. If you already have a family organization, help them. If not, start with your own small family to organize one—make starting your genealogy a family home night project. DO IT NOW!

Any workman needs tools to work with, and some of the best instructions in how to do your own genealogy work can be found in two mimeographed books that are available through Sister Etienne Schier, 2700 22nd St., San Francisco 10, Calif., and Mary Lou Harline, 1721 Poplar Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif. These books are called the "San Francisco Stake Book" for beginning students—(priced $1.50, $1.75 by mail)—and the "Berkeley Stake Book," which contains more advanced material for genealogists and home teachers. This latter book was compiled from Sister Schier's notes, and research, and was the basis for a series of lectures in Berkeley Stake in October and November, 1954. The price of this book is $1.50 or $1.75 by mail; $3.30 for two Berkeley Stake Books, by mail.

Cooperation Best

Cooperation is the best way to get your work done. Write to this column to request help and to help others. DO IT NOW!

Fred J. Hatt of 2510 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, Calif., is looking for more information on his grandfather, John Jay Hardy, who died 7 January, 1875 in Santa Rosa, California. He was married in 1872 to Lydia Ensign Valencia, possibly in San Francisco. It is believed that he was born in Missouri in 1852 and that his father was Juduthum Phillip Hardy, born about 1811 in Kentucky. Brother Hatt is also working on the following lines: Hatt, May, Summers, Wasfield, Hitchins, Dopson, Chivers, all of Wiltshire, England; Valencia and Sanchez, early San Francisco families; and Moses and Ensign of New England.

Mrs. Schier anounces as follows: stake reference book instruction review, person lineage books, and audio-visual lectures by Mrs. G. E. Schier, and a library meeting at her home the 1st Tuesday of each month, to use the fine private collection of domestic and foreign books.

Reflections

Vinal G. Mauss

COME, COME YE SAINTS

THANKSGIVING

The word **"Thanksgiving"** should not become lost in its true meaning to us. We usually associate it with a day of feasting and enjoyment, **receiving** the bounties of life.

To enjoy the real meaning and purpose of this day, lets try **giving** as the word implies. Giving thanks to our maker for our many blessings. **Giving** help to those unfortunate who are in need. Now is the time to give that cheery greeting, grasp that hand of a friend, write a note to one who needs that message of hope.

Let us feast on the joys of **giving** this Thanksgiving day and carry it over into our every day lives.

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The wording of the heading of this article comes from the BYU. A card is promised with each gift membership naming the donor of the membership, and arriving a few days before Christmas, along with copies of current publications.

Yearly memberships in the "University Archaeological Society" cost $3.00. Correspondence is invited with Dr. Wells Jakeman, president of the society, at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

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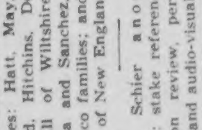

Mother Seeks Recovery Absent Serviceman's Pet Dog Recently Lost

If your son were in an army camp, and at home his pet dog became lost, wouldn't you greatly appreciate a bit of help towards recovery of the boy's dog?

Sure thing! So let's help Mrs. Eugene Daniels, 2149 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, get back "Suzee," who has been missing since Sept. 3. Look out for a small poodle type female, 11 yrs., 12 lbs., shaggy grey fur, hangs in eyes. Tail curled over back. Right ear sore inside; "growth" on left shoulder; breed, Cairn Terrier. Call Lakehurst 2-6476.

The son hasn't been told of his loss yet. So, here's hoping!

Burgons Bungled Business Begins Reducing

To be in fashion the Messenger is to be streamlined, and is undertaking the great task of reducing in size 25 per cent.

Shall we cooperate and "cut out" Burgon's Bungled Monkey Business?

About the winners for November. Each and every one who responded shall receive a very worthwhile gift.

Here are the solutions:

No. 1—Whosoever is enlightened by the spirit shall obtain benefit therefrom.

No. 2—The plan of restoration is requisite with the justice of God.

Thanks a million, Sis. Monk and Sis. Ambrosio for these gems of thought.

Now for the December game:

No. 1—"YMA EHT APECE FO DGO LURE NI UYOR RATSHE HOURGOTUHOT THIS NEASSO," contributed by Sister Darlene Pipkin of Oakland.

No. 2—"YRCPHPEO SI CZRNEEODIG SA A ACHEERASICTRIT TAUEERF NI A PSGELO SIPDENTINOAS," sent in by Sister Betty Havens, also of Oakland.

Every winner will win!

We wish to close it all with two sincere thoughts: (1) for November: "I am thankful that I am thankful." (2) for December (and I lean on Charles Dickens just a little): "'God bless us every one,' said Little Tim."

So, too, says H. W. Burgon, 2547 Andrade Avenue, Richmond, Calif.

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Absent Serviceman's Dog

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